

# The Fruit Of The Spirit

KINDNESS

# What Is Kindness?

- ▶ Of a sympathetic or helpful nature
- ▶ Of a forbearing nature
- ▶ Characterized by sympathy or forbearance

# Do We Need Kindness?

- ▶ It is a fruit of the Spirit Gal 5:22-23
- ▶ Paul's example 2 Cor 6:3-10
- ▶ Paul commands it Col 3:11-13, Eph 4:32

# Different Types Of Kindness

- ▶ Kindness that is sympathetic or helpful
- ▶ Being characterized by kindness
- ▶ The kindness of God

# Kindness That Is Sympathetic Or Helpful

- ▶ What is this type of kindness?
  - ▶ Being sympathetic towards others Col 4:13-14
  - ▶ Being helpful to others Acts 10:30-33
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ The Good Samaritan Luke 10:29-37
  - ▶ The righteous in judgement Mat 25:34-40
- ▶ Contrast:
  - ▶ The Wicked Servant Mat 18:23-35
  - ▶ The wicked in judgement Mat 25:41-46

# Being Characterized By Kindness

- ▶ What is this type of kindness?
  - ▶ Should be shown in our conduct 1 Thes 3:6-7
  - ▶ Should be something everyone can see in us Col 3:12-13, Gal 5:22-23
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ The natives of Malta Acts 28:2
  - ▶ The older women Tit 2:3-5
- ▶ Contrast:
  - ▶ Esau Heb 12:15-16

# The Kindness Of God

- ▶ What is this type of kindness?
  - ▶ Forbearing towards us    Rom 5:6-11
  - ▶ An example for us    Luke 6:35-36
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ Jesus    Luke 23:32-46, Rom 1:1-6
- ▶ Contrast:
  - ▶ Satan    1 Pet 5:8
  - ▶ The World    John 7:6-7