



Galatians 5:22-23
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (ESV)

1. Study _____

2. Purpose _____

3. Fight _____

4. Never _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of the study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Hosea 11:1-4** and **Acts 14:17**. What are some of the specific ways God has demonstrated his kindness to you throughout your life, even though you have sinned against him and transgressed his commands on so many occasions?
2. Read **Titus 3:4-5**. How does the extraordinarily gracious sacrifice of Christ for your salvation serve as a model for your words and acts of kindness this week? Why is “going with the flow” and “waiting to be prompted by feelings” such a losing proposition when it comes to bearing the fruit of kindness in your life?
3. Read **Colossians 3:12-14**. Why do the virtues and perspectives found in this passage all contribute to the kindness called for in v.12? Why does a resolve to “be kind” in isolation to other Christian virtues never accomplish the practice of true biblical kindness?
4. Read **Matthew 9:36**. What role do compassion and empathy serve in becoming a kinder Christian? What can you do to give thought more often to the needs of those with whom you interact each week? How can compassion be misplaced or enlisted as an excuse for disregarding the rest of God’s word?
5. Read **Proverbs 31:26**. Specifically, how can your work to promote kindness in your sphere of influence this week?