



The **VINE** and the **FRUIT**



# GALATIANS 5:22-23A NLT

<sup>22</sup>But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control.





The Fruit  
of the Week

**KINDNESS**





The Greek word for “kindness” is *chrēstotēs*. It means tender concern, uprightness, benevolence. It is kindness of heart and kindness of act.



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## ROMANS 2:4 NIV

<sup>4</sup>Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?



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## TITUS 3:4-5 NLT

<sup>4</sup>But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.





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## PSALM 23:2-3 ESV

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.



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## GENESIS 21:15-19 NLT

<sup>15</sup>When the water was gone, she put the boy in the shade of a bush. <sup>16</sup>Then she went and sat down by herself about a hundred yards away. "I don't want to watch the boy die", she said, as she burst into tears.



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## **GENESIS 21:15-19 NLT**

<sup>17</sup>But God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, "Hagar, what's wrong? Do not be afraid! God has heard the boy crying as he lies there."<sup>18</sup>Go to him and comfort him, for I will make a great nation from his descendants".

<sup>19</sup>Then God opened Hagar's eyes, and she saw a well full of water. She quickly filled her water container and gave the boy a drink.



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## MARK 10:46-49 NLT

<sup>46</sup>Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. <sup>47</sup>When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"



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## MARK 10:46-49 NLT

<sup>48</sup>"Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>49</sup>When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here".



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## LUKE 10:3-6 NLT

<sup>3</sup>So Jesus told them this story: <sup>4</sup>"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. <sup>6</sup>When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'"



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## ISAIAH 40:11 NIV

<sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd:  
He gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart;  
he gently leads those that have young.



## Imitating

God's kindness  
in our lives.

## LUKE 10:30-35 NASB

<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied and said, “ A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he encountered robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead.

<sup>31</sup>And by coincidence a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on



## LUKE 10:30-35 NASB

the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan who was on a journey came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, <sup>34</sup>and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay you.'





Imitating God's  
kindness in our lives.

Kindness should be given regardless  
of what they may deserve.

verse **30**



If we wait to show kindness only to those we deem to deserve it, we have forgotten the kindness that God showed us when we didn't deserve it from Him.



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kindness in our lives.

Kindness demands selflessness.

verses **31-33**



The priest and the Levite were more concerned about what would happen to them if they stopped to help. The Samaritan was more concerned about what would happen to the man if he didn't stop to help.





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kindness in our lives.

Kindness requires compassion.

verse **33**

## LUKE 6:35-36 NLT

<sup>35</sup>“Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked.

<sup>36</sup>You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.”



Compassion helps us to see  
people differently and to  
act differently as well.





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kindness in our lives.

Kindness leads to action.

verse **34**



All three men saw the hurting man, but only one did something about it.



Imitating God's  
kindness in our lives.

Kindness will cost us something.

verse **35**

Even though kindness will cost you something, it is well worth the cost.





## LUKE 10:36-37 NASB

<sup>36</sup>“Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers hands?”

<sup>37</sup>And he said, “The one who showed compassion to him.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same.”





When we exhibit the kindness of God, we are tender, benevolent, and useful to others. Every action, every word will have the flavor of grace in it.