

Joy Without Limits :
The Joy of Kindness
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Text : Ephesians 4:17-32

Introduction: We are studying a series of lessons on the subject of joy. We know that Jesus commanded His disciples to be joyful. **John 15:11** says, “*These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.*” Why is it so important to be kind? Can that have an influence on our joy as a Christian? What can we do to be more kind toward others? Let’s study together

Discussion:

I. *God Is Kind*

- He created mankind (**Genesis 1-2**).
- He saved mankind (**Titus 3:4**).
- He keeps His promises (**II Peter 1:4**).
- He encourages men to obey (**Luke 6:35**).
- He rejoices when He is kind (**Luke 15:7**).

II. *Jesus Is Kind*

- Jesus showed kindness to His mother (**John 2**).
- Jesus showed kindness in His miracles (**Luke 18:38**).
- Jesus showed kindness in His teachings (**Matthew 7:7-11**).
- Jesus showed kindness in His death (**I Peter 2:21-25**).

III. *Paul Was Kind*

- He taught that ministers must be kind (**II Corinthians 6:4-6**).
- He taught that kindness is a key to a joyful life (**I Thessalonians 5:16**).
- He taught that kindness is an effective weapon (**Romans 5:7-8**).
- He taught that kindness reflects Christian maturity (**Ephesians 4:32**).

Conclusion: What can you do to show kindness to others? We cannot expect people to be kind to us, unless we are kind to them. We must never forget the Golden Rule (**Matthew 7:12**). Each child of God should drink from the well of joy! Don’t allow your attitude rob you of joy. And don’t quench someone else’s spirit. Rise up and live again! Look to your Father, Jesus, and His disciples. Find joy and happiness in a spirit of kindness.