

Kindness

# Introduction

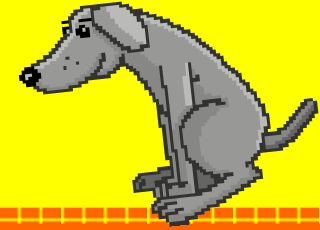
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# Definition of Kindness

- 1828 Webster Dictionary:
  - Act of good will
  - Benevolence
  - Delight to benefit others, to do things to make them happy or to alleviate their distresses.
  - Attentiveness to needs and wants of others.

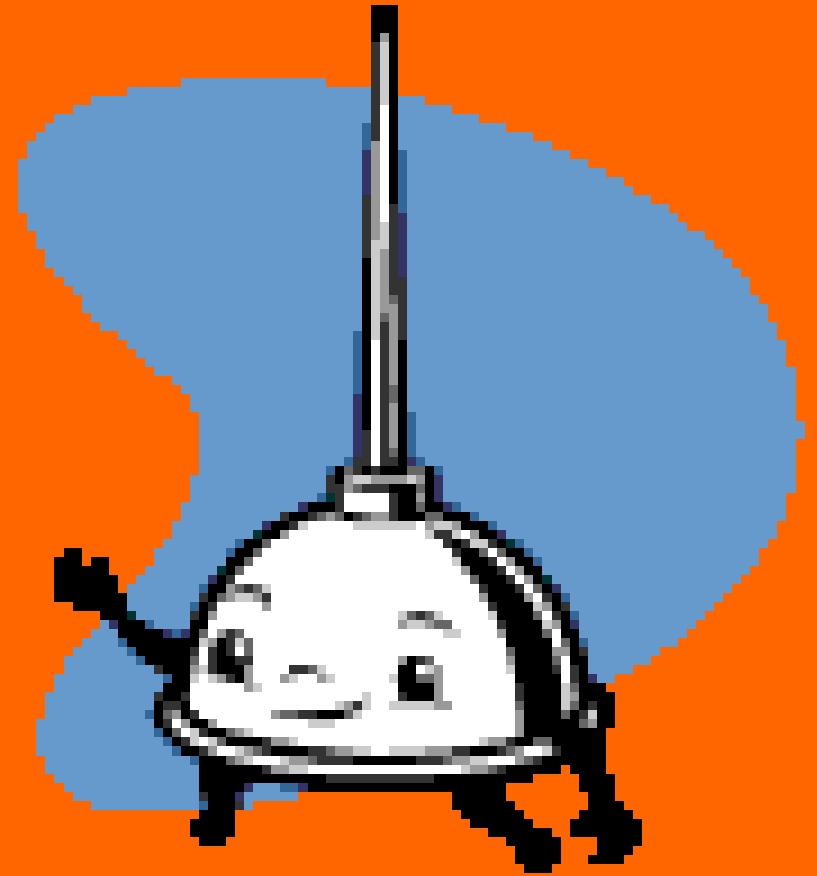
# Dog Training



- Money will buy a fine dog, but kindness makes him wag his tail.
- Treat a dog with kindness, pet him often, tell him he is a good boy, feed him well, and he will never leave you.
- It works with husbands too.

# The Importance of Oil & Lube

- Kindness is the oil,
- That can take friction out of a relationship!



# Many Applications

- The cow knows she is going to be milked, but she will give more freely when treated with the most kindness.
- Better more kindness while they are here, than a huge floral display when they are gone.
- Never part without kind words, they may be your last.

# Kindness Is Admired

- When I was young, I admired intelligence.
- As I grow older, I admire kindness.

# Our God is of Great Kindness

- “And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of **great kindness**, and forsookest them not.”  
– Nehemiah 9:17



# Psalm 117:2

- “For his merciful **kindness** is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.”

# We Deserved Wrath, But...

- “In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting **kindness** will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.” Isaiah 54:8

# Proverbs 19:22

“The desire of a man is his kindness.”



# Proverbs 31:25-26

- Strength
- Honor
- “In her tongue is the law of kindness”
- Kind tongue



# A Sharp Tongue is unsafe



- They who have a sharp tongue,
- Soon cut their own throat.

# You Reap What You Sow

- “He who plants thorns
- Should not walk barefooted.”
- He who plants kindness, will walk in kindness.

# A Sharp Tongue is unsafe

- “Happiness is often punctured by a sharp tongue.”
- People who learn to hold the tongue, have learned to hold friends.
- For some, a loose tongue ends with loose teeth.

# The Tongue An Indicator

- The world's doctors look at the tongue as an indicator of physical health.
- The Great Physician looks at the tongue as an indicator of spiritual health.





# 1 Corínthians 13:4-7

- Vs 4 – Charity is kindness
- Vs 5 – Not easily provoked
- Vs 7 – Beareth, endureth

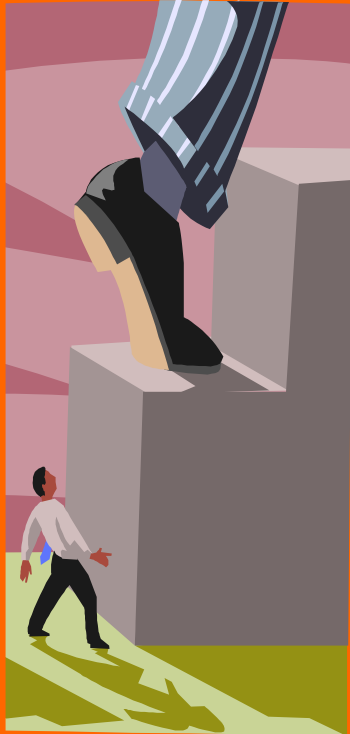
# Ephesians 4:32

- Be ye kind (command)
- Tender hearted
- Forgiving

# Ephesians 4:32

- If it were automatic or easy, God would not have to tell us to do it.
- The natural man is not *naturally* kind.
- Most often true kindness is actually the result of Christ being manifested in us.

# Three Steps, Hard to Climb



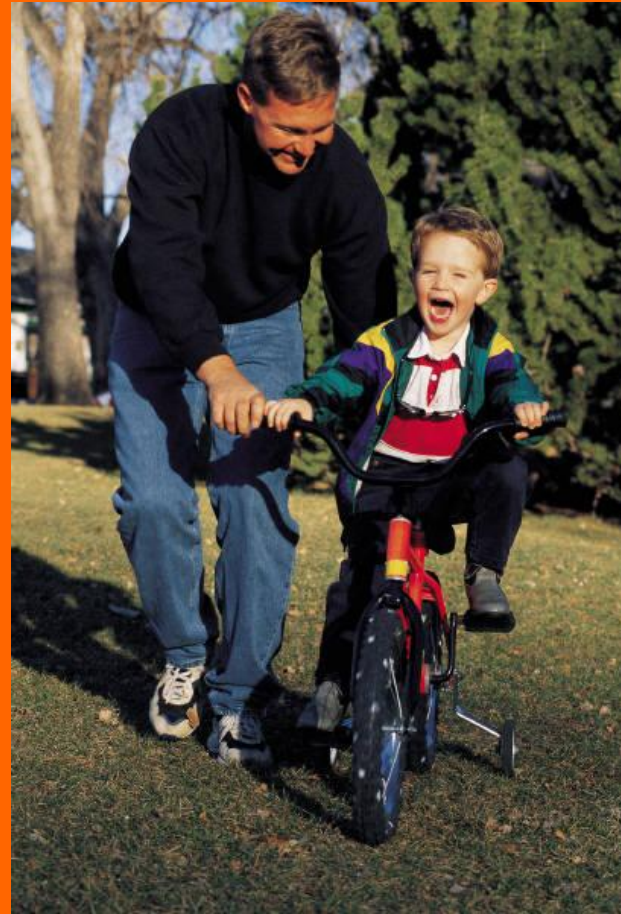
- Step One – to think kindly of another
- Step Two – to speak kindly to another
- Step Three – to act kindly to another

# Three Steps, Hard to Climb

- *Reasons it is so hard*
  - Thinking too highly of self.
  - Speaking so much about ourselves.
  - Acting in a way that does the most good for us.

# Kind Is Big

- No man is too big to be kind,
- But some men are too small to be kind.



# Galatians 6:1-2

- Restore sinners in meekness
  - “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” 1 Corinthians 6:11

# Galatians 6:1-2

- Bear ye one another's burdens,
  - “And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.” (Matthew 12:31)



# Kindness is Therapeutic

- “The very best way to get over your troubles is to help others out of theirs.”



# Galatians 6:10

- Do good unto all men
- Especially those in Christian Service (Pastors and Missionaries)

They Watch For Our souls

They Help Carry Our Burdens

Cease Not To Pray For Us



# Mark 9:41

- For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

# Angel of Marye's Heights

- At the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg, Union soldiers lay on the ground between Union and Confederate lines at Marye's Heights, Confederate Sergeant Richard Kirkland brought water to the wounded.

# Angel of Marye's Heights

- When they saw the rebel sergeant going from person to person giving water, both sides halted the shooting.
- When he left the field, the shooting resumed.



# Colossians 3: 12-14

- “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.”

# Colossians 3: 12-14

- Kind
- Humble
- Meek

# Hebrews 13:2

- There is a tendency to be kind to those who can do something for you and unkind to those who can not do anything for you.
- Hebrews 13:2
- Entertain strangers
- Some strangers are angels sent from God.

# Can Powerful Leaders Be Kind?

- George W. Bush delivered this eulogy at President Reagan's funeral:
- "I learned more from Ronald Reagan than from anyone I encountered in all my years of public service – I learned kindness and I also learned courage."
- *Ref.: James A. Baker, page 410*

# Kindness Pays

- “It is difficult to give away kindness,
- because it keeps coming back to you.”



# The Debt of Kindness

“One can pay back the debt of money,  
but one dies forever in debt  
to those who are kind.”

- Asian Proverb

# 1 Peter 3:8-9

- “Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.”
- Be kind

## 11 Peter 1:5-7

- “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.”
- Godliness
- Kindness



# Bible Example of Kindness

- Matthew 1:16-20
- Joseph in love with Mary.
- Joseph never knew Mary physically.
- Mary tells Joseph that she is pregnant.
- Greatly hurt, but not willing to make her an example.

# II Timothy 1:16-18

- Onesiphorous
- Oft refreshed me
- Went out of his way to look up Paul and to do kind things to help him.
- Paul asked God to bless Onesiphorous

# CHRIST

# ANTI-CHRIST

- |                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| • Kind                   | Mean             |
| • Kind Tongue            | Sharp tongue     |
| • Not easily provoked    | Flies off handle |
| • Beareth/endureth       | Strikes back     |
| • Tender hearted         | Hardened, bitter |
| • Forgiving              | Holds grudge     |
| • Restore sinner, meekly | Condemn sinner   |
| • Courteous              | Rude, impolite   |
| • Do good to all men     | Take care of #1  |

# Be Kind To Unkind People

- Be kind to unkind people –
- They need it the most.
- “Kindness is the ability to love others more than they deserve.”
- “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

# Ephesians 4:32

- “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”