

# Kindness is Fundamental

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## Introduction

- A. **Ephesians 5:9** The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness"  
-- Not the state of moral excellence or being good, But the practice of doing what is upright and good.
- B. **Galatians 5:22** Fruits of the Spirit "gentleness and goodness" synonyms.  
-- Gentleness, Kindness, Goodness, generosity

## I. Jesus Exemplified, Modeled Goodness.

- A. **Luke 7:37** Jesus' manner with the weeping woman who was a sinner, whose sins were many.  
-- Sweet, kind, mild, gracious -- that is how bears the fruit of gentleness and goodness.
- B. **Luke 19:1-10** Zaccheus, the publican
- C. **Luke 22:31-34** Gentle with Peter
- D. **John 14-16** Gentle with all of the apostles
- E. **Matthew 11:28-30** Come unto me ... I will give you rest (speaking to the sin-stained failures who needed to correct so much of the bad attitudes and habits of the old man!)

## II. Jesus Commanded Goodness.

- A. **Matthew 5:20** our righteousness must exceed the righteousness of Pharisees
  1. Pharisees needed to apply **Hosea 6:6, Matthew 12:7** and not to condemn the guiltless
  2. **Matthew 23** their motivation was wrong, v. 5 to be seen of men as righteous.
- B. **Matthew 5:38-48** Good to enemies
- C. **Matthew 7:12** Golden Rule: Goodness and kindness.

## III. Jesus died to make us Good, Kind, and Generous

- A. **Luke 22:5** healed the servant of High Priest who came to arrest Him.
- B. **Luke 23:34** Father forgive them, for they know not what
- C. **John 18:33-38** Kind even to Pilate, **19:11**
- D. **John 19:26** Woman behold thy son
- E. **Ephesians 4:20-22** taught by Christ to be good.
- F. **1 Peter 2:21** died for us leaving an example