

**Study Guide Fruitable #6**

**Try A Little Kindness**

**Text Luke 6:35**

**The gospel message is more than that, but it is never less. If you are flowing in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, you will take seriously the call to kindness.**

**We fail at the quality of kindness perhaps more than any other.**

## **THE CHARACTER OF KINDNESS**

**You could say that kindness is summarized in what we have come to call the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. [Luke 6].**

**Kindness is rooted deeply in the character of God. We know what kindness is because we have seen it demonstrated through the goodness of God.**

**When I talk about kindness, I'm not talking about mere politeness. I'm talking about a quality that is representative of love, mercy, tenderness and compassion. Ref: Psalm 63:3-4; 23:**

**But God demonstrates his own love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)**

**God is kind to the ungrateful and wicked — and that includes you and me. I am not diminishing the judgment of God, or the fact that we must all own up to the consequences of our actions, or that the choices we make will ultimately determine our eternal destiny. Ref: Ephesians 2:8-9**

**Kindness is deeply rooted in the character of God. When you are living a Spirit-filled, Spirit-controlled life, the same kindness that he has shown you, you will be willing to show others.**

## **CULTIVATING KINDNESS**

**Two questions you can ask that will help you cultivate the quality of kindness.**

**How would Jesus treat *this* person in *this* situation?**

**How would Jesus respond in this situation? When you take time to ask this question, I can assure you that the answer will always move you in the direction of *cheched*: loving, merciful, compassionate kindness.**

**How would I treat this person if he or she were Christ?**

**Jesus said when we look at those whom "*good society*" would consider to be social rejects, we are to respond to them with the same attitude that we would respond to him. Matthew 25:40**

**In each and every situation, in each and every social encounter, we need to take time to ask: If this person were Christ Jesus himself, how would I respond? I can guarantee you that the answer will always take you in the direction of kindness.**