

the fruit of the spirit

(part 3 – kindness, goodness, faithfulness)

recap

Read Galatians 5:16-26 again

1. Quickly summarise from the past two weeks what Christian 'love', 'joy', 'peace' and 'patience' should look like.
2. How do the characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit compare with the acts of the sinful nature listed in verse 19?

kindness

3. What does the bible have to say about kindness in the following passages?
(Take note of what it might look like, and what our motivations should be)

Colossians 3:12-14 -

Ephesians 4:31-32 -

4. How would you say that Christian kindness differs from the dictionary definition below?

kindness *n.* 1. the act of being considerate, friendly, and helpful.

goodness

5. How would someone who is not a Christian understand what is meant by having the characteristic of 'goodness'?

6. What do we learn about the quality of 'goodness' from the following passages?

Mark 10:18 -

Genesis 1:31 -

James 1:16-17 -

Ephesians 2:8-10 -

7. What then are the key differences between the Christian characteristic of 'goodness', and the way in which the world would understand it?

faithfulness

faithfulness *n.* 1. the act of remaining true or loyal.

8. In light of the above definition, what might it mean for a Christian to display the characteristic of 'faithfulness'?

application

9. Put the name of each person in your group who is present on a slip of paper, and put the names into a hat. Each person is to draw out the name of someone else. You are to think of a way that you can practically display the characteristics of kindness, goodness and faithfulness to them throughout the next week.