

Daily Devotion For May 13, 2021

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, **kindness**, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:12

This evening for our Thursday night bible class we are continuing with our study on the Fruit of the Spirit. Tonight, we will discuss cultivating the fruit of **kindness**.

In Colossians 3:12, the apostle Paul uses the word “clothe.” The Greek word literally means “put on.” What Paul is saying here is that when we wake up in the morning, we ought to get dressed spiritually and emotionally as well as physically. When we wake up in the morning and decide what to wear, we should also ask ourselves, “What kind of attitude am I going to wear today?”

Paul says **kindness is a choice**. It is something we can choose to “put on” every day. **Kindness is “love in action”** — a practical expression of love. It is visible and active, not just emotional. But why should we be kind? One reason is because we want people to be kind to us. We want to be treated right. Jesus said, “Do to others what you would have them do to you”. Matthew 7:12. If you are rude to other people, they may respond by being rude to you. If you are kind, most people will respond to you in the same way. Being Kind is doing the right thing.

Thought For Today: Today, ask the Lord to point out when you’re unkind and how you can respond with the kindness of Jesus instead. Pay attention to what He reveals.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Pray today for Kiku Kuwatani as she rehabs at Westland House. Pray for God’s strengthening and healing touch to rest upon her. Continue to pray this week’s prayer fuel. Deo Volente.