

Introduction _____

I. THE POWER OF KINDNESS

Kindness brings joy to the recipient _____

Romans 15:2 _____

Kindness creates love and friendship _____

1 Timothy 2:9-10 _____

II. KINDNESS AND CHURCH GROWTH

Love and kindness are essential for church unity and growth _____

1 Timothy 1:5 _____

Teaching aims to increase our capacity for love _____

III. KINDNESS AS A WITNESS

Faith without works is dead _____

James 2:26 _____

Kindness proves genuine faith and identifies Christians _____

John 13:35 _____

IV. KINDNESS GLORIFIES GOD

God is love; kindness represents Him to the world

1 John 4:16

Good works let others see Jesus and glorify God

Matthew 5:16

V. THE IMPACT OF KINDNESS ON US

Kindness increases joy even in the blessed

Kindness reduces fear and anxiety

Perfect love casts out fear

1 John 4:18

VI. RESPONDING TO KINDNESS

Be kind even when kindness is not returned or deserved

God's ultimate kindness: sending Jesus to save sinners

Salvation through repentance and baptism