



LOVE GETS BUSY

1 Corinthians 13:4, *Love is patient and kind.*

1 Corinthians 13:4b, *Love shows kindness.*

- ✳ **Kind** | chresteuomai: to show oneself useful, to serve, be gracious, to be kind.
- ✳ **John MacArthur** | “Just as patience will take anything from others, kindness will give anything to others, even to its enemies. It not only feels generous, it is generous. It not only desires others’ welfare, but works for it.”

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Romans 2:4, *Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness leads you toward repentance?*

- ✳ **Kindness** | God is kind towards us and has served us by making a way for us to become His Children, through the Person and work of Christ.

Titus 3:4-6, *But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,*

- ✳ **Loving Kindness** | God’s love for us is kind (is useful), by making his mercy available to us through the work of the Holy Spirit and the saving work of Jesus Christ.

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- ✳ **Loving God means** I’m not a spiritual spectator but actively look for ways to serve Him (to be useful).

Matthew 25:35-36, *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.*

Matthew 25:40, *And the King will answer them, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”*

- ✳ **Jesus’ Point** | The way you show loving kindness to Jesus is to show it to people.

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John 13:14-15, *If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.*

- ✳ **Jesus demonstrated what it means to be kind** by humbling Himself and meeting the practical needs of others, and He has commanded us to do the same.

Luke 10:29-37, *But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."*

- ✳ **Love Is Kind** | It demonstrates God's compassion and care to my neighbor by meeting their practical needs, even when it's inconvenient, costly, and uncomfortable for me.
- ✳ **Do for one** what you wish you could do for everyone.

1. ADJUST YOUR

Luke 10:33, *"But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him."*

- ✳ **Three different people saw the same person with the same needs**, but only one of them responded with love. If we are to love others as God desires, we must ask him to help us see others as He sees them, and to serve others as Jesus has served us.

2. GET

Luke 10:34, *He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.*

James 2:15-16, *If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?*

3. DIG

Luke 10:34b-35, *Then he...took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."*

4. KEEP AT IT

Galatians 6:9-10, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*