

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of May 24, 2026
"Kindness"

KINDNESS

Sunday Read II Peter 1:1-10

"And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." This description of a Christ-honoring Christian will have a strong impact on the contacts of the believer. To be godly is to follow the instructions for living given to us in the Bible. Among other things, to please God we should be kind to others. The kindness believers show to the world is as important as their sharing truth in their conversations, if not more so. If the actions of a believer are not consistent with what they say, the person loses credibility. How true is the statement "actions speak louder than words." This is especially true when a believer is in contact with an individual who has suffered social rejection. Being kind to such an individual will catch the attention of others and bring joy to the heart of God! God can and will do great things in the lives of those Christians who are kind to others!

ATTITUDE

Monday Read Joel 2:10-13

"And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil." Listed here in today's Bible reading are some of the qualities of the Christian life. Our attitudes determine our actions. Among them are gentleness and kindness. And the verse in today's Bible reading mentions a gentle kindness! That implies an easy-going reaction to the actions of others, a "gentle kindness." If believers remain calm in troubling circumstances, they can be gentle as instructed by God. Believers do not have to be overcome by evil deeds in the world, but can and should do as told in Romans 12:21: *"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."*

HOLY SPIRIT'S PRESENCE

Tuesday Read Ephesians 4:28-30

And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." A person's decision to receive Jesus as personal Savior is considered a new birth, the birth of the Spirit immediately. That individual is indwelt by the Holy Spirit as we are told in I Corinthians 6:19: *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"* The presence of the Holy Spirit empowers the Christian to live in such a way that he or she is able to ward off temptations to do wrong. The believer's decision-making can be strengthened by simply thinking what would please the Holy Spirit. Surely, all believers would not want to do things or go places which grieve the Holy Spirit. Praise God believers have the presence of God every day of their lives.

PERSONALITY

Wednesday Read II Peter 1:3-8

" And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." Believers who yield to the indwelling Spirit are given personal attributes that bring glory to God, if they yield to the indwelling Spirit. As a matter of fact, according to verse four, believers are partakers of the Divine nature. Reflecting the attributes appropriate for a child in the family of God will certainly make an impact wherever the Spirit-filled believer might find himself or herself.

FRIENDLINESS

Thursday Read Proverbs 18:22-24

"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." If a person ever says, "I have no friends," that is a confession of his or her being unfriendly. That is the truth God is giving us in today's Bible reading! The key to making friends is to be friendly. That means we should greet others and take the initiative to establish a positive relationship. Not only does this add to the quality of our lives, it brings glory to our Father in heaven.

FORGIVING

Friday Read Ephesians 4:30-32

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." There are going to be times in our lives when we are mistreated by others. That is a real test of our faith and commitment to our Lord. The natural thing is to resent being mistreated. The Christ-honoring reaction to mistreatment is to be forgiving. Not only does that please our Heavenly Father and our Lord, it prevents resentment and anger from marring our own Spirit. Christ demonstrated the epitome of this truth when He said this while being nailed to the cross as recorded in Luke 23:34: *"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots."*

SPEECH

Saturday Read Proverbs 31:25-26

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." God describes the virtuous woman in this chapter in the book of Proverbs. One of the most pleasing personality traits is that her speech is a demonstration of the law of kindness. Kindness is indeed a virtue. Not only is being kind to others an essential in our speech, it honors our God. It may be satisfying momentarily to bad-mouth someone, but

that leads to regret. The better choice is to be kind! Think of those things in your own life when others speak kindly about you. That is particularly satisfying if someone is a critic. What a joy if a person praises you to someone who for whatever reason doesn't care for you! In our own speech, let us have a reputation of being kind!