

Kindness

Introduction

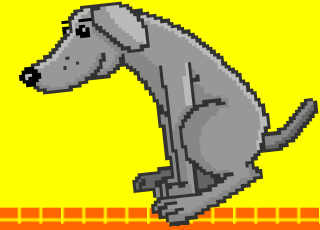
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Definition of Kindness

- 1828 Webster Dictionary:
 - Act of good will
 - Benevolence
 - Delight to benefit others, to do things to make them happy or to alleviate their distresses.
 - Attentiveness to needs and wants of others.

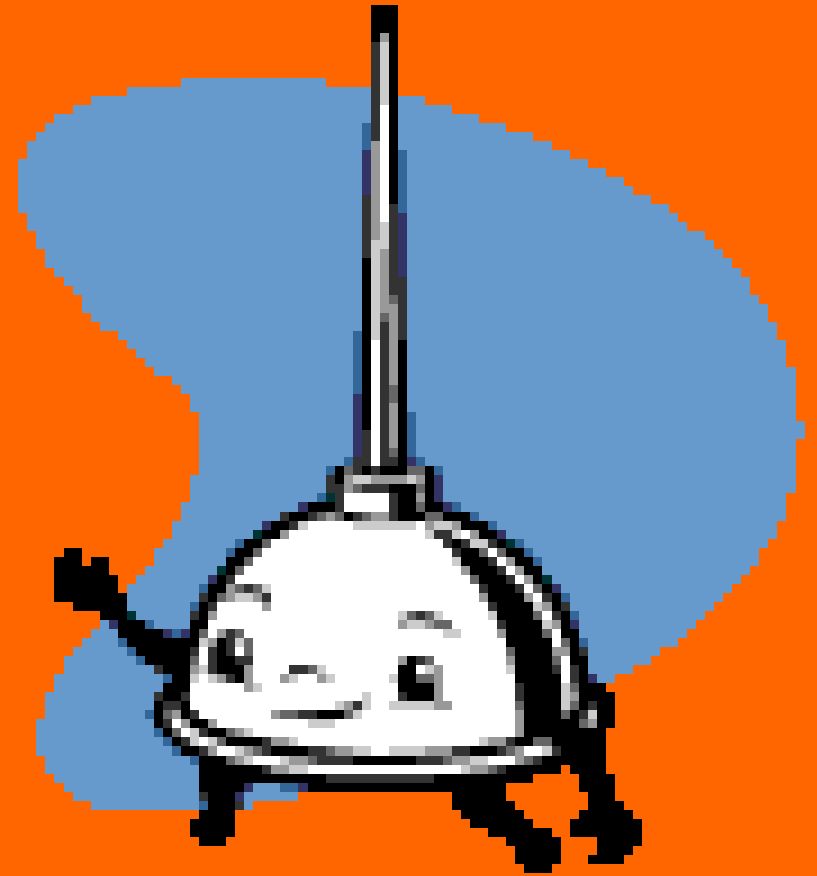
Dog Training



- Money will buy a fine dog, but kindness makes him wag his tail.
- Treat a dog with kindness, pet him often, tell him he is a good boy, feed him well, and he will never leave you.
- It works with husbands too.

The Importance of Oil & Lube

- Kindness is the oil,
- That can take friction out of a relationship!



Many Applications

- The cow knows she is going to be milked, but she will give more freely when treated with the most kindness.
- Better more kindness while they are here, than a huge floral display when they are gone.
- Never part without kind words, they may be your last.

Kindness Is Admired

- When I was young, I admired intelligence.
- As I grow older, I admire kindness.

Our God is of Great Kindness

- “And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of **great kindness**, and forsookest them not.”
– Nehemiah 9:17

Psalm 117:2

- “For his merciful **kindness** is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.”

We Deserved Wrath, But...

- “In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting **kindness** will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.” Isaiah 54:8

Proverbs 19:22

“The desire of a man is his kindness.”



Proverbs 31:25-26

- Strength
- Honor
- “In her tongue is the law of kindness”
- Kind tongue



A Sharp Tongue is unsafe



- They who have a sharp tongue,
- Soon cut their own throat.

You Reap What You Sow

- “He who plants thorns
- Should not walk barefooted.”
- He who plants kindness, will walk in kindness.

A Sharp Tongue is unsafe

- “Happiness is often punctured by a sharp tongue.”
- People who learn to hold the tongue, have learned to hold friends.
- For some, a loose tongue ends with loose teeth.

The Tongue An Indicator

- The world's doctors look at the tongue as an indicator of physical health.
- The Great Physician looks at the tongue as an indicator of spiritual health.



1 Corínthians 13:4-7

- Vs 4 – Charity is kindness
- Vs 5 – Not easily provoked
- Vs 7 – Beareth, endureth

Ephesians 4:32

- Be ye kind (command)
- Tender hearted
- Forgiving

Ephesians 4:32

- If it were automatic or easy, God would not have to tell us to do it.
- The natural man is not *naturally* kind.
- Most often true kindness is actually the result of Christ being manifested in us.

Three Steps, Hard to Climb



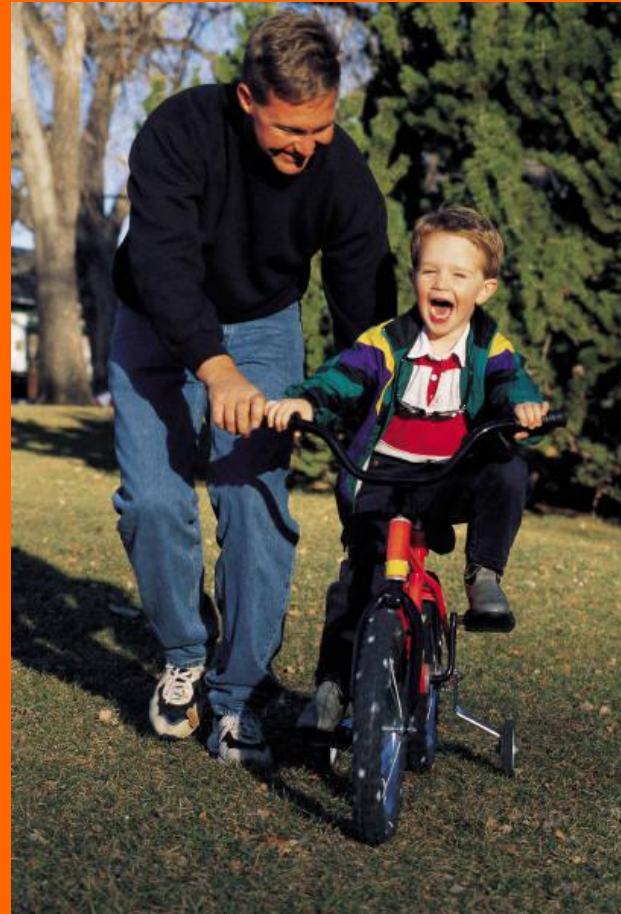
- Step One – to think kindly of another
- Step Two – to speak kindly to another
- Step Three – to act kindly to another

Three Steps, Hard to Climb

- *Reasons it is so hard*
 - Thinking too highly of self.
 - Speaking so much about ourselves.
 - Acting in a way that does the most good for us.

Kind Is Big

- No man is too big to be kind,
- But some men are too small to be kind.



Galatians 6:1-2

- Restore sinners in meekness
 - “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” 1 Corinthians 6:11

Galatians 6:1-2

- Bear ye one another's burdens,
 - “And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.” (Matthew 12:31)

Kindness is Therapeutic

- “The very best way to get over your troubles is to help others out of theirs.”



Galatians 6:10

- Do good unto all men
- Especially those in
Christian Service
(Pastors and
Missionaries)

They Watch For Our souls

They Help Carry Our Burdens

Cease Not To Pray For Us



Mark 9:41

- For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

Angel of Marye's Heights

- At the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg, Union soldiers lay on the ground between Union and Confederate lines at Marye's Heights, Confederate Sergeant Richard Kirkland brought water to the wounded.

Angel of Marye's Heights

- When they saw the rebel sergeant going from person to person giving water, both sides halted the shooting.
- When he left the field, the shooting resumed.

Colossians 3: 12-14

- “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.”

Colossians 3: 12-14

- Kind
- Humble
- Meek

Hebrews 13:2

- There is a tendency to be kind to those who can do something for you and unkind to those who can not do anything for you.
- Hebrews 13:2
- Entertain strangers
- Some strangers are angels sent from God.

Can Powerful Leaders Be Kind?

- George W. Bush delivered this eulogy at President Reagan's funeral:
- "I learned more from Ronald Reagan than from anyone I encountered in all my years of public service – I learned kindness and I also learned courage."
- *Ref.: James A. Baker, page 410*

Kindness Pays

- “It is difficult to give away kindness,
- because it keeps coming back to you.”



The Debt of Kindness

“One can pay back the debt of money,
but one dies forever in debt
to those who are kind.”

- Asian Proverb

1 Peter 3:8-9

- “Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.”
- Be kind

11 Peter 1:5-7

- “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.”
- Godliness
- Kindness

Bible Example of Kindness

- Matthew 1:16-20
- Joseph in love with Mary.
- Joseph never knew Mary physically.
- Mary tells Joseph that she is pregnant.
- Greatly hurt, but not willing to make her an example.

II Timothy 1:16-18

- Onesiphorous
- Oft refreshed me
- Went out of his way to look up Paul and to do kind things to help him.
- Paul asked God to bless Onesiphorous

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| • Kind | Mean |
| • Kind Tongue | Sharp tongue |
| • Not easily provoked | Flies off handle |
| • Beareth/endureth | Strikes back |
| • Tender hearted | Hardened, bitter |
| • Forgiving | Holds grudge |
| • Restore sinner, meekly | Condemn sinner |
| • Courteous | Rude, impolite |
| • Do good to all men | Take care of #1 |

Be Kind To Unkind People

- Be kind to unkind people –
- They need it the most.
- “Kindness is the ability to love others more than they deserve.”
- “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

Ephesians 4:32

- “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”