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BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST (II): PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS

“Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.” (Romans 15:14)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	God’s patience leads us to repentance, and to bearing the fruit of the Spirit. Goodness and kindness are attributes of God, and we are to bear His image.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is patience, kindness, and goodness.
<i>Good Works</i>	God’s patience molds and shapes us to persevere under trials. Learn to rely on the Holy Spirit to help us show kindness and goodness to others.

A. Patience (Ps 40:1)

True patience according to the Bible isn’t simply a game of waiting, or a test of endurance. True patience affects how we feel and act while we wait. Do you get irritated or snappy, or do you remain calm – or even joyful – in the face of problems?

The Patience of God

God’s patience means coming to repentance and receiving salvation. A person who is patient in the Spirit is someone who can endure pain or suffering without becoming angry. They are able to persevere through a trial even as they willingly wait for God’s timing.

B. Kindness (Eph 4:32)

Jesus was kind to the wicked, and He provided for the people’s needs without expecting anything in return (Lk 6:35). He gave healing, hope, and freedom from death, knowing that these same people would reject and crucify Him. This is kindness from the Spirit: selflessly acting to meet the needs of others.

Kindness in the Spirit

We have all experienced firsthand the kindness of God. It is out of His kindness that He meets all of our needs. We should ask for the power of the Holy Spirit so that we can extend the same kindness to those around us, just as David did, especially to those who are not saved.

C. Goodness (2 Chr 7:3 NIV)

Because there are so many meanings to goodness, it is easy to say that everyone has some sort of goodness within them. But God’s goodness is much more specific than the way we understand it.

The Goodness of God

To produce goodness in our lives means doing what is right in God’s eyes. It means having a heart that is holy and choosing to do what is right over what is wrong. Although none can really claim to be “good” when compared to the almighty Lord, if we rely on the power of the Spirit, we can manifest this fruit in our lives.

Life Application: My Action Plan

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Lesson 4 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Romans 15:14):

1. According to the memory verse, what does God desire us to be filled with? Why?
2. “And be _____ to one another, _____, _____ one another, even as _____ in Christ _____ you.” (Ephesians 4:32)
3. Describe the patience of God in your own words.
4. How did David demonstrate kindness in the Spirit?
5. What does it mean to produce goodness in our lives?
6. Is there someone you have been impatient with lately? What do you need to do in order to show more patience and kindness towards them?
7. Who can you show kindness to this week? Come up with a plan, then record what you did below.