KINDNESS

The Glue That Holds the Fellowship Together

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness…”

GALATIANS 5:22



Kindness is love made visible.

Love thinks. Kindness acts.

PLATEAU CELL GROUP

INTRODUCTION

Love becomes visible through kindness

“Kindness is love in work clothes.”

It moves love from intention to action.



A Spirit filled fellowship should not only preach love. It should make love tangible.

What is kindness really?

Greek: chrēstotēs

Kindness, goodness, graciousness expressed in useful action.

Not merely “nice”

Niceness can remain polite and distant. Biblical kindness moves toward people with grace, truth and practical care.

God’s kindness saves

01 “When the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared…” Titus 3:4

02 God’s kindness draws

“The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.” Romans 2:4

03 Kindness acts

The Good Samaritan saw, moved toward the need, bound wounds and paid a cost.

When kindness is missing

Fellowship can slowly become a courtroom instead of a refuge.

COURTROOM CLIMATE

People feel watched more than welcomed.
Correction becomes harsh.
Weakness becomes gossip.
Mistakes become labels.

KINGDOM FAMILY CLIMATE

People are received with grace.
Truth is spoken with love.
Weakness receives support.
Restoration is the goal.

PROVERBS 18:21 • DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

Harsh leadership can scatter sheep. Kindness helps wounded people remain close enough to heal.

Kindness turns a crowd into a family

Family is created when people are noticed, welcomed and carried.

1. **NOTICE** — Who has been absent for two weeks?
2. **WELCOME** — Who is new and sitting alone?
3. **CARRY** — Who needs practical help today?
4. **REMEMBER** — Whose burden did we promise to pray about?

“THIS IS MY HOME.”

That sentence is often the fruit of many small acts of kindness.

EVANGELISM

Kindness strengthens our witness

SICKNESS

FUNERALS



NEW FAMILIES

NAMING CEREMONIES

Let the community know us as

“THAT KIND FELLOWSHIP”

When we show up in people’s real moments, the gospel gains a human face.

Kindness is a sermon people can feel before they hear us preach.

PRACTICAL HABITS

Grow kindness on purpose

Fruit is cultivated. Small repeated actions create a culture.

01 **CALL**

Contact first time visitors within 24 hours.

02 **WELCOME**

Never let a new person sit alone.

03 **REMEMBER**

Learn names. Remember burdens. Follow up.

04 **FORGIVE**

Resolve offences quickly. Refuse gossip.

Ephesians 4:32 • “Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted…”

Leaders set the climate

The tone of a fellowship often follows the tone of its leaders.

SHEPHERDS STAY CLOSE

Know the people.
Hear the stories.
Carry the burdens.

GENTLE

Firm without being harsh

AVAILABLE

Close enough to notice need

FAIR

Correct without humiliating

FORGIVING

Quick to restore relationships

Kindness is not softness. It is strength under the control of love.

CLOSING CHARGE

Anointing may bring people in. Kindness helps them belong.



Let us repent where we have been correct but cruel, truthful but graceless, spiritual but insensitive.

PRAYER

Father, make me an instrument of Your kindness. Let our fellowship carry the fragrance of Christ so that souls are drawn to Jesus through us. Amen.

THIS WEEK

ONE DELIBERATE ACT OF KINDNESS

Visit. Call. Help. Forgive. Encourage.