

THE THEOLOGY OF LOVE Part IV

"Love is kind"

Reference: **I Corinthians 13:1-13**

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verse four, *"Love suffers long, and is kind..."*

Patience and kindness are two sides of the same coin. Patience is how someone _____ and kindness is how someone _____.

In the ancient Greek language, the root word from which this word *"kind"* was derived means "_____" and that's an important distinction.

That means kindness is more than a nice disposition. Kindness is the practice of a useful deed.

Definition: Kindness is a _____ we do for someone else that needs to be done.

Reference: **Luke 10:25-29** (see screen)

Jesus said there were three men that each at separate times journeyed on the dangerous road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Each of them encountered a crime scene. Each man reacted to the victim of this crime in a different manner and each reaction from each man represents a different attitude toward someone that has a legitimate need and someone that we should consider to be our neighbor.

ONE...the first attitude was a _____.
verses 30 and 31 (see screen)

TWO...the second attitude was a _____.
verse 32 (see screen)

THREE...the third attitude was a _____.
verse 33 (see screen)

This Good Samaritan did four things that we must also do if we're determined to manifest the same kindness he did.

First is to see people _____ around us.

Notice the phrase in **verse thirty three**, *"and when he saw him..."*

Second is to sympathize and or empathize with people's _____

Notice **verse thirty-three** mentions that this Samaritan had compassion on this man.

Definition: Compassion is sympathetic or empathetic feelings toward someone else suffering from misfortune _____ with a strong desire to alleviate that suffering.

Being sympathetic and being empathetic are two of the most misunderstood words in the English language. Both words represent someone's feelings; but, the basic difference is that being sympathetic is feeling sadness _____ someone and being empathetic is feeling sadness _____ someone.

This compassionate sympathetic, empathetic attitude does two specific things:

- It meets the universal human need to be _____.
- It meets the need to have our feelings _____.

Third is to seize the _____ to meet someone's need.

Reference: **Proverbs 3:27 and 28** (see screen)

Related to this subject of timing, someone that is committed to kindness must be aware of two things:

- To be kind means we must be willing to be _____.
- To be kind means we must be willing to take _____.

Fourth is to _____ whatever it takes.
verses 34 and 35

"The thieves _____ him up, the priest and Levite _____ him up, and the Samaritan _____ him up." John Maxwell

The thief said, *"What is yours is mine and I'm going to _____ it"*
The priest and Levite said, *"What is mine is mine, and I'm going to _____ it"*

BUT the Samaritan said, *"What is mine is yours, and I'm going to _____ it."*

verses 36 and 37 (see screen)