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| **Opening Prayer**Prayer clip art clipart 2**Sis. Paulette Motley** | **Scripture Reader****Sis. Zena Anderson****Ephesians 2: 6-7** | **Scripture Reader****Sis. Stephanie Moore****Psalms 34:8** |
| **“Kindness”** | Introducing Words Images – Browse 3,327 Stock Photos, Vectors, and Video |  Adobe Stock**The Current Series:****Text, whiteboard  Description automatically generated****The Rev. Wanda Jackson Bullock** | **“Goodness”** |

**Kindness** and **Goodness** are two [virtues](https://www.differencebetween.com/difference-between-value-and-vs-virtue/) that we should cultivate in our life, especially Christians. Although both are necessary qualities, there is a distinct difference

between the two.

**Kindness mainly involves being generous, friendly, considerate, and helping others.**

**Whereas goodness involves righteous actions. Journeyonline.org quotes Abundant**

**Living as saying: *“It has been said that*** *kindness is compassionate love; and*

*goodness is ministering love.”*

**Another difference between the two is the behavior associated with each one.**

**Generosity, Gentleness, and Caring are often associated with Kindness, while**

**integrity, honesty, and uprightness are often associated with Goodness.**

**While unkindness and cruelty are associated with not being kind; when we don’t**

**practice goodness, we are considered evil.**

Christians should always be about looking outward, paying attention to the needs

and struggles of others – whether those people have earned the right to our

kindness or not**. (Sis. Zena Anderson: Ephesians 2:6-7)** **True Kindness** is going beyond just feeling bad for someone, it also means being willing to take action to

help them. This is what God did for us. He saw our brokenness and had compassion

for us and chose to be kind. But He didn’t stop there. He took action to fix the

problem by sending Jesus to die for us. God’s kindness draws us toward him.

His love, care, and grace make us want to grow closer to Him more. The closer

we grow toward Him, the more we will understand our need for Him. This is how

it should be for us as Christians, as we relate to the world around us. Understanding what God has done for us should encourage us to show kindness toward others

and to serve others.

As we exhibit the fruit of kindness toward others, our kindness will have the

potential to inspire them to want to know the source of our kindness and seek

after Him.

The word “goodness” means to be like God. This doesn’t mean we become “a god.”

It just means that as we remain in Christ, and the fruit of goodness continues to

grow in us, our nature will change more and more to look like Jesus.

**(Sis. Stephanie Moore: Psalm 34:8)** The Bible talks about the goodness of God as part of His character. It’s not something He does; it’s who He is. King David said, “Taste the Lord. {Try Him. Trust Him}He is good.”The more we trust God and follow

His teachings, the more we will be blessed – as we are shaped into the image of

Christ, and goodness will become a very visiblepart of our character as well.

Instead of being motivated to do good because we want accolades or rewards,

we will do good because we’ve allowed God to change our hearts. We will choose

to be obedient to God by living righteous in order that we may bring honor to

Him. As we allow the Holy Spirit to increase His Kindness and Goodness in our

hearts, others will see the light of Kindness and Goodness in us and desire

to become acquainted with the Giver of these character traits – and God will

be glorified.

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| **Current Series: “Let Your Light Shine” (Matthew 5:14-16)**Subject: “Utilize the Fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22-23)A picture containing text  Description automatically generatedShine Your Light Quotes & Sayings | Shine Your Light Picture QuotesLet Your Light Shine SVG FileThis Week’s Focus:Kindness and Goodness**Lesson Taught by Presiding Elder Ella Mae Samuels (Retired)** |

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