

Try A Slice of Nice

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Oh boy! This season is in full swing. Not only is it “season” where I live which is when all the people who don’t like the Northern weather come to Florida to escape the snow & harsh cold. Businesses are busier, lines are longer, grocery shopping becomes different, and even your route to and from home can become twice as long. To add to that – we have the holidays! Living in Florida, I’m starting to see what the natives mean by “getting their beaches back” and not having to wait 3 hours at *Cheddars* come summer time. lol

Honestly, I don’t mind it – it’s more income for the service industries and it brings some life to these here parts. However, the one thing I do notice from natives and snow birds alike – is that the tolerance level for people in general takes a dive.

I yelled a little old man the other night to PLEASE get some lighter clothing on! I didn’t yell in a mean way – I was scared for his life! If I didn’t have a passenger already with me, I probably would have stopped and asked if I could take him and his bike home – because he was walking across a busy highway dressed in black on a green turn light.

Then I had another customer who got in my car and she was talking about the busy-ness of Christmas time and she said this “If everyone would just be nice....” And then she drifted off into silence so I picked it up from where she left off and said – “yes – if we would all try a little hard to be nice ...” to which she finished and said “Yes! Try a slice of nice!”

The Bible has a TON to say about being kind. I’m also reminded of a song we used to sing that said “It’s Your kindness Lord that leads us to repentance – Your favor Lord is our desire” Here are a few verses that spoke to me. I pray we all make more efforts to reach out to others in kindness – the rest is so much easier to get through when we show love first. We don’t know when we will have the opportunity again and life is too short. Let’s try a slice of nice! ;)

1 Corinthians 13:4 - Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

Proverbs 21:21 - Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor.

Colossians 3:12 - Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience

Proverbs 31:26 - She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.