

Kindness

5544 chrestotes (noun)

Also translated good, goodness, and gentleness.

5543 chreston (adjective)

In the language of the time, kindness included honesty, respectability, friendliness, mildness, hospitality, and benevolence.

A characteristic of God

- Romans 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His *goodness*, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the *goodness* of God leads you to repentance?
- Romans 11:22 Therefore consider the *goodness* and severity of God; upon indeed those who fell, severity; but upon, however, you, God's *goodness*, if you continue in that *goodness*. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.
- Ephesians 2:7 ...that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *kindness* toward us in Christ Jesus.
- Titus 3:4 – 5 But when the *kindness* and the brotherly love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not out of righteousness that we practiced, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

A characteristic of the faithful

- 2 Corinthians 6:4 – 6 But in all these things we commend ourselves as ministers of God, [list of positive attributes] by *kindness*, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love.
- Galatians 5:22 – 23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, *kindness*, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control...
- Ephesians 4:32 And be *kind* into one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
- Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, *kindness*, humility, meekness, longsuffering...

In the negative

- Romans 3:12 (Psalm 14:3) There is none who is practicing *good*, no, not one.