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Romans 12:9-17

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Back glance:

1967 has only 13 hrs. 15 minutes left. Sad? Proud?

Metropolitan life taking its toll: Freeway-gitters (irritation), War-gitters (fear), Social-gitters (pride), Crime-gitters (dread-tension), Spiritual-gitters (Lord?)

Most freely confess one area where fell down on the job of good living: Not enough kindness.

These desire to do as Vivian Larimore. Poem: Yesterday!

GOAL for 1968: Year of improvement, greater kindness.

Lord requires it: Rom. 12:10. Eph. 4:32. II Pet. 1:4-8.

I. WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE? Definition?

A. Children especially not clear on true kindness.

Ill. Class reciting acts of kindness in past week.

Joe: "I kicked a boy for kicking his dog."

Ill. "Robert, if you were very kind and polite to all your playmates, what would they think of you?" Ans. "Some of 'em would think they could lick me." Sign of weakness.

Ill. Henry came close. B. S. teacher: "Suppose I was walking down the street and saw a man beating a donkey and I made him stop. What would that be?" "Teacher, that would be brotherly-kindness."

B. GREEK: Adj. CHRES-TOS. Noun: Philanthropia. (7 words) Means: "Goodness, graciousness, goodness of heart, gentleness, humane, love-toward-man and courtesy."

C. KINDNESS is an aquired trait. Takes time-maturity!
1. Jesus led the way. Acts 10:38. Matt. 11:4-5.

II. SOME AREAS WHERE KINDNESS WILL PAY GREAT DIVIDENDS. 1968

A. Husband to wife. Eph. 5:25. 70 Home problem cases. Quit taking her for granted. Must deserve her. Win her! Open your lines of communication, if not open. Visit! Help with children; give some undivided time to family.

B. Wife to husband. Eph. 5:22-23. wifely kindness! Be sure not neglecting husband. House, children etc. Respect his fatigue when arrives home. Rest then talk. Maintain close consultation on money matters. Timing.

C. Parents to children. Eph. 6:4. Parental kindness! Treat them like PEOPLE! Are! Are God's somebody! Take time to listen. Set a time. Keep time open. Teach them, train them, then trust them.

58% women less happy after 20 yrs.

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D. Young people to parents. Eph. 6:1-3.

Think out requests before making them.

Try to stay on the team. All for one, 1 for all.

Communicate: When, where, how long, with whom etc.

They have a right to know. Responsible.

They are obligated before God to know. Prov. 2:6

Creates relaxed and responsible situation.

D. Person to Person. Ill. Poem: "If you were busy being kind..."

E. Church to needy. LADIES BIBLE CLASS and others have done a great job last year. More next!!

INV: BELIEVE people are kind who are motivated strongly.

They remember God's unlimited kindness

Christians are strongest motivated people in world.

IF NOT A CHRISTIAN, urge you to obey gospel. Acts 2:38

IF UNFAITHFUL, UNKIND, UN-CHRISTIAN last year and need public acknowledgement to clear your guilt and conscience--come now as sing!

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