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Christian Kindness

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INT:

CHRISTIAN KINDNESS
Romans 12:9-17

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.

I. WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE? Definition?
A. Children especially not clear on true kindness.
   III. Class reciting acts of kindness in past week.
   Joe: "I kicked a boy for kicking his dog."
   III. 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.
   III. 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."

   Means: "Goodness, graciousness, goodness of
   heart, gentleness, humane, love-toward-man and
   courtesy."

C. KINDNESS is an acquired trait. Takes time-maturity!

II. SOME AREAS WHERE KINDNESS WILL PAY GREAT DIVIDENDS.

A. Husband to wife. Eph. 5:25. To home problem cases.
   Quit taking her for granted. Must deserve 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.
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 2:16

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

R-P