

Faithfulness—Gentleness—Kindness

Faithfulness:

- **Guarantees the unchanging nature of God**
Fidelity required both time and patience
- **When we are faithless—He remains faithful**
 - **II Timothy 2:13**
His faithfulness is displayed in His covenant promises, devoted love, and the sureness of His word.
 - **Numbers 23:19**
We have an inclination toward faithlessness
 - **Isaiah 29:13**
- We begin to turn aside/go astray when we think something does not matter.....
- **What Produces Faithfulness/Endurance**
Faith—Trust—Obedience

Gentleness:

- **Great strength under control; submission of Jesus to the Father is an illustration.**
Ability to operate with great power yet choosing restraint. Strength works best when harnessed.
- **Comes from the Greek word 'praus'=not being over impressed by a sense of ones' own self importance.**
- **It is a way that Jesus describes Himself.**
 - **Matthew 11:29**
 - **Galatians 6:1**
He is inviting us into a life of submission—the same way He lived with His Father
- **How we demonstrate Him in our dealings with others**
 - **Ephesians 4:2**
 - **In Ephesians 6—Fathers are instructed to refrain from harshness toward their children**

Kindness:

- **Kindness is how God distributes His agape love.**
- **It is a supernatural fruit of the Spirit in our heart that is able to demonstrate the true nature of God even in the face of wickedness.**
- **We have all been recipients of the kindness of God**
 - **Psalm 145:9**
The Lord is good to all and His mercies are over all of His works.
 - **Luke 6:35**
But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.
 - We reflect this by loving our enemies
- **Kindness is what transforms our hearts—leads to repentance**
 - **Romans 2:4**