

SOP: The Kindness (Strategy)-Antidote

1 Timothy 2:8

Colossians 3:8

Psalm 73:8-9

James 3:8-12

We can participate—observe—or become the antidote

Prayer requires holy hands and pure lips.

Kindness is How God distributes His Agape Love

- New Commandment: John 13:34-35—Love one another as I have loved you
- Opposite of kindness is indifference—therefore, it is rooted in selfishness.
- Kindness is sacrificial in its' expression
- Parable of Good Samaritan: Luke 10:31-32—Levite and priest—saw him and passed by on the other side...
- Cannot fail to pay attention—God is continually presenting us with an opportunity to love the least—the lost—and the lesser—on His behalf. Is there a category of people that you are dismissive of?

We have all been recipients of the Kindness of God

- **Psalm 145:9**

Luke 6:35

Designed to have a ripple effect

Kindness is the Fruit of the Holy Spirit—expressed among men

- **Titus 3:4**
- It is an expression of the nature of God in the midst of wickedness
- Opposite of Kindness is entitlement—rooted in pride (selective kindness is just opportunism—only practice it when it is to our benefit.
- Kindness has to be practiced relationally

Kindness Leads to Repentance

- **Romans 2:4**
- **Job 6:14**
- **Proverbs 15:1(amplified)**

Reasons We Miss the Opportunity

- Kindness is usually more an opportunity than a scheduled activity
- Self-absorbed—unwilling to get involved—live an uninterrupted life

Put Into Practice

- Think/say kind thoughts about yourself—and others—in **your internal dialogue**—it changes **a mindset**
- Listen before you speak—attentiveness conveys concern
- Be generous with your words: encourage—affirm—compliment
- Find joy each day—share what you find

Who is weak—and needs your strength?

Who is sad—and needs your joy?

Who is lonely—and needs your presence?

Who is wounded—and needs your comfort and kindness?

Who is maligned—and needs your defense?

Observation leads to Opportunity

Sow Kindness—God will draw near to others through you.

Colossians 3:12-14