

PAYING IT FORWARD I.E. KINDNESS

Reference: **miscellaneous Scripture**

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This concept called PAYING IT FORWARD is the same as kindness.

Reference: **Colossians 3:8, 12** is a put off-put on passage (see screen)

Put off five sins:

- Anger
- Wrath (intense anger)
- Malice (hateful, vindictive, revengeful, etc.)
- Blasphemy (disrespecting who God is or disrespecting what God has said)
- Filthy language (unacceptable and even obscene speech)

Put on five virtues:

- Tender mercies (heartfelt compassion)
- **Kindness**
- Humility
- Meekness
- Longsuffering (patience)

Our focus this morning is putting on **kindness**.

Funk and Wagnall define kindness as being _____ and _____.

It is being goodhearted. But kindness is more than that. Kindness is love in practical _____.

In the ancient Greek language the root word from which this word "*kind*" was taken means "_____."

Definition: Kindness is the _____ we do for someone else that this person needs and or appreciates.

Reference: **Acts 10:38** (see screen)

Questions: What good can I do? How can I help someone? How can I be useful to someone? How can I demonstrate agape love motivated kindness?

Answer: Five suggestions to manifesting kindness during this corona crisis

NUMBER ONE is to be _____.

Reference: **Philippians 2:4** (see screen)

Two important reminders:

- One is that everyone is having a _____.
Reference: **Job 14:1** (see screen)
- Two is that the basic reason that prevents us from being kind is _____.

NUMBER TWO is to be _____.

Reference: **Ephesians 4:29** (see screen)

In the original language this Greek word translated as edification was used as a construction term. That word meant to build a house and in this context it means _____ one another.

NUMBER THREE is to be _____ and sometimes _____.

Reference: **Romans 12:15** (see screen)

Being sympathetic is feeling sadness _____ someone

Being empathetic is feeling sadness _____ someone.

Reference: **John 11:35**

NUMBER FOUR is to be _____.

References: **Proverbs 27:6a; Galatians 4:16** (see screen)

NUMBER FIVE is to be _____.

Reference: **Galatians 6:10** (see screen)

Question: When are we supposed to be kind?

Answer: We are to be kind as we are presented _____ to do something kind.

Conclusion: Ancient Romans used to confuse two similar sounding Greek words: **Christos** and **Chrestos**.

Christos meant anointed one and was transliterated as _____ and is the prefix to the word Christian and **Chrestos** is a similar sounding but different word that meant _____.

I cannot think of two similar sounding words that fit together conceptually better than those words because part of the **Christian's** assignment on this earth is to demonstrate kindness and that's precisely what Jesus **Christ** did.