

Kindness

1 Corinthians 13:4

James 3:1-12

Intro: Agape defined?

I. LOVE is “Kind”

- **“Kind” - “*Chresteuomai*” to be kind...**
- **“*Chrestos*” to show oneself useful (Manner and Morals), act benevolently toward another, willing to help or assist.**
- Kindness – “The Joy of meeting someone else’s needs before your own for the sake of the relationship.”
- Aimed at the other - “Noticing someone else and recognizing their needs...”

Christian Character Trait - Luke 6:35

Christian Practice – Ephesians 4:32

II. Kindness: “Watch What You Say”

- **Matthew 12:34** **a matter of “the heart”**
- **Colossians 4:6** **a matter of “consideration”**
- **Proverbs 18:21** **a matter of “life or death”**

James 3:1-12 - The POWER of WORDS...

a. Power to DIRECT (3:1-4)

i. The “Bit”

ii. The “Rudder”

b. Power to DESTROY (3:5-8)

i. “Fire”

ii. “Poison”

c. Power to DELIGHT (3:9-12)

i. “fountain”

ii. “Tree”

III. Conclusion — “Never under estimate the influence of Human Kindness...”

- **WORDS are important**
- **LISTEN to yourself speak**
- **REPLACE unwholesome words with wholesome**
- **REMEMBER the value of every person you come in contact with...**