

1. kindness

Gal. 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Ac. 20:35b "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

QUOTE It amazes me that something as ordinary as saying "please" or "thank-you" can be an evidence, or fruit, of ***The Almighty*** living inside a person.

Ro. 2:4 Or do you disregard the riches of His kindness, tolerance, and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you to repentance?

Gen. 39:21-22 the LORD was with him [Joseph] and extended kindness to him, granting him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. And the warden put all the prisoners under Joseph's care, so that he was responsible for all that was done in the prison.

Ps. 86:5 For You, O Lord, are kind and forgiving, rich in loving devotion to all who call on You.

Ps. 145:17 The LORD is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His deeds.

Lk. 6:35 [Jesus speaking] But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

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Eph. 4:32 Be kind and tenderhearted to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you.

Col. 3:12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with hearts of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Pr. 19:17 Kindness to the poor is a loan to the LORD, and He will repay the lender.

Mk. 9:41 [Jesus speaking] Indeed, if anyone gives you even a cup of water because you bear the name of Christ, truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward.

Lk. 14:13-14 [Jesus speaking] But when you host a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind, and you will be blessed. Since they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

POEM

I have wept in the night,
For shortness of sight,
That to somebody's need I was blind.

But I never have yet,
Felt a twinge of regret,
For being a little too kind.

2. goodness

QUOTE The wise Christian will be content and serve his generation in the will of God. If he should be overlooked in the religious popularity contests he will give it but small attention. He knows whom he is trying to please and he is willing to let the world think what it will of him. He will not be around much longer anyway, and where he is going men will be known not by their approval ratings but by the holiness of their character. - A. W. Tozer

Ps. 34:8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Ps. 100:5 For the LORD is good, and His loving devotion endures forever; His faithfulness continues to all generations.

Ps. 106:1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His loving devotion endures forever.

Ps. 27:13 Still I am certain to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Ps. 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Ps. 116:12 How can I repay the LORD for all His goodness to me?

Ps. 145:7 They will extol the fame of Your abundant goodness and sing joyfully of Your righteousness.

Ac. 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him.

QUOTE John Wesley had a rule. It was this: Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can.

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Ro. 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Mt. 5:14-16 [Jesus speaking] You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they set it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Eph. 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for our way of life.

Mt. 12:35 [Jesus speaking] The good man brings good things out of his good store of treasure, and the evil man brings evil things out of his evil store of treasure.

Col. 1:10 so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Mt. 25:21 His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master!'

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3. faithfulness

Heb. 10:23 Let us hold resolutely to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

Ex. 34:6 Then the LORD passed in front of Moses and called out: "The LORD, the LORD God, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in loving devotion and faithfulness,

Ps. 100:5 For the LORD is good, and his loving devotion endures forever; His faithfulness continues to all generations.

1Co. 1:9 God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

1Co. 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide an escape, so that you can stand up under it.

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Mt. 23:23 [Jesus speaking] Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You pay tithes of mint, dill and cumin. But you have disregarded the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

Rev. 2:10 [Jesus speaking to the church in Smyrna] Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer tribulation for ten days. Be faithful, even unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Mt. 10:32-33 [Jesus speaking] Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father in heaven.

Jsh. 24:14 (NIV) [Joshua speaking to the Israelites] "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

Pr. 3:3 Never let loving devotion or faithfulness leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

1Sa. 12:24 Above all, fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you.

4. gentleness

Ac. 4:29-31 [the apostles are praying] And now, Lord, consider their threats, and enable Your servants to speak Your word with complete boldness, as You stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.”

After they had prayed, their meeting place was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

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Mt. 12:20 [Isaiah speaking prophetically about Jesus] A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not extinguish, till He leads justice to victory.

Mt. 11:28-30 [Jesus speaking] “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Is. 40:11 [speaking of the Sovereign LORD who comes with power] He tends His flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart. He gently leads the nursing ewes.

Mt. 21:5 [prophesied by Zechariah, fulfilled in the Triumphal Entry] “Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'”

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2Ti. 2:25-26 He [a servant of the Lord] must gently reprove those who oppose him, in the hope that God may grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth. Then they will come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, who has taken them captive to his will.

Pp. 4:5 Let your gentleness be apparent to all. The Lord is near.

Col. 3:12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with hearts of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

1Ti. 6:11 [Paul writing to Timothy] But you, O man of God, flee from these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.

5. self-control

QUOTE People who lack self-control are slaves to their own desires. Hot fudge Sundaes do not make us eat. Cigarettes do not make us smoke. Alcohol does not make us get drunk. Tongues do not make us gossip. Guns do not make us kill people. Money does not make us spend. Obnoxious people do not make us get angry. Temptations do not make us sin. The truth is, we **choose** how to handle all the circumstances that come our way. God has created us to be free moral agents who get to decide what we will do with each situation we face. I've known some people who've viewed life with a victim mentality. They believe that all their

deficiencies are someone else's fault. If they fall into sin they claim that the devil made them do it. Listen to me. The devil **does not have the power** to make you sin. He can tempt, he can suggest, he can lure, but he **cannot** force you to do anything. You choose. That's the way God created you.

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Pr. 25:28 (NIV) Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.

Tit. 2:11-12 (NIV) For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

1Pt. 5:8-9 (NIV) Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

2Pt. 1:5-6 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;

Mt. 23:25 [Jesus speaking] Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

1Co. 9:24-27 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way as to take the prize. Everyone who competes in the games trains with strict discipline. They do it for a crown that is perishable, but we do it for a crown that is imperishable. Therefore I do not run aimlessly; I do not fight like I am beating the air. No, I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

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QUOTE Self-control is not the ability to say no to a thousand other voices. It's the ability to say yes to the one voice so completely that there's nothing left to give to the other options.
- Pastor Bill Johnson

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Mt. 16:24-27 Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself [which is very similar to control himself] and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in His Father's glory with His angels, and then He will repay each one according to what he has done.