

The next time a fellow believer seems unpleasant towards you without good cause, why not seek the Lord about sending them the following Bible verses? They show the huge importance God attaches to Christians being “kind to one another, [and] tenderhearted” (Eph. 4:32a). Lack of kindness and gentleness between the brethren is a key reason why the Western Church is in the sad state it is today. As long as we challenge such behaviour in love, we are being scriptural (1 Thess. 5:14a; Gal. 6:1; Matt. 18:15; Luke 17:3 etc).

If you do feel led to photocopy the following and give it to the believer concerned, be sure to tell them why you are doing so. Let them know that it grieves you when fellow Christians appear unjustifiably cold or harsh and that this sort of conduct makes it harder for you to respect such folks and their views. (Please consider highlighting the most relevant words/passages below so the recipient doesn't think he is being admonished in all the areas listed here! Also, endeavour to think the best of the person. E.g. ask them in all sincerity to tell you what you did to provoke them. Above all, let us act in the same gracious spirit of these very verses.) God bless you. D.P. & E.McD.

<< Good to Go? >>

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. **Matt. 5:7**

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven. **Matt. 5:44-45**

By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another. **John 13:35**

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another. **Rom. 12:10**

Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. ... Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. ... Recompense to no man evil for evil. ... If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. **Rom. 12:14-18**

[L]ove one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. ... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour. **Rom. 13:8-10**

[T]hough I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; ... but rejoiceth in the truth... **1 Cor. 13:3-6**

Let all your things be done with charity. **1 Cor. 16:14**

[B]y love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **Gal. 5:13**

[T]he fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance. **Gal. 5:22-23a**

I ... beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **Eph. 4:1-3**

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. **Eph. 4:29**

[B]e ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. **Eph. 4:32**

[W]alk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us. **Eph. 5:2**

[T]he fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth. **Eph. 5:9**

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. ... Giving thanks always for all things unto God ...; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. **Eph. 5:17-21**

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; ... And above all these things put on charity... **Col. 3:12-15**

Let your speech be always with grace... **Col. 4:6a**

Now we exhort you, brethren, ... be patient toward all men. See that none render

evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. **1 Thess. 5:14-15**

[B]e thou an example ... in word, in conversation, in charity... **1 Tim. 4:12**

[F]ollow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. **1 Tim. 6:11**

[F]ollow righteousness, ... charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. **2 Tim. 2:22**

[B]e ... gentle, showing all meekness unto all men. **Titus 3:2**

If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well. **Jas. 2:8**

[T]he wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. **Jas. 3:17**

[S]ee that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. **1 Pet. 1:22b**

Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. **1 Pet. 2:17a**

[A]ll of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. **1 Pet. 5:5**

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. ... We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. **1 John 3:14,16**

Further such passages include Matt. 6:14-15; 9:10-13; Luke 6:35-36; 17:3-4; John 13:34; 15:12,17; Rom. 12:19-21; 2 Cor. 5:20-6:6; Gal. 6:10; Phil. 2:1-4; 1 Thess. 4:9-10; 2 Thess. 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 1:7; Titus 2:1-8; 1 Pet. 4:8a; 2 Pet. 1:5-9; and 1 John 3:10-11; 4:7-21.

All verses so far cited on this page apply to every believer, including church elders. Related passages applying only to elders/deacons include 1 Tim. 3:2-13; 2 Tim. 2:24-25; and Titus 1:7-9. Passages applying only to husbands/wives include Eph. 5:22-33; Col. 3:18-19; and 1 Pet. 3:1-7. Those applying only to parents/children include Matt. 15:3-6; Eph. 6:1-4; and Col. 3:20-21. Bayith Ministries, bayith.org

“Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, ... let him seek peace ... For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil” 1 Pet. 3:8-13