

Session 2: David

What is the one characteristic that you would want someone to remember you by??...

He was

_____!



What do you remember about David...the man in the Bible?



Courageous, strong, wise, caring, loving, attitude of remorse, penitent, humble...kind?

This session shows David's heart of humility and kindness.

What is an act of kindness that you remember in which it made an impression on your life?

Where would you place kindness in your purse of good traits to live by?

Do you feel you are **kind....most of the time?**

For most people, even Christians, kindness is not one of the gifts or fruit of the Spirit traits that you would normally desire as being the best of all the traits to possess.

Yet, we desire the trait to be a characteristic of all those friends you have!

We want to be treated with kindness....and yet it is hard to be kind to everybody! Why?

Bible Point...

Being kind honors God and others.

Quotable quotes on "kindness."

- A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble. ~Charles H. Spurgeon
- It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice. ~Author Unknown
- Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you - not because they are nice, but because you are. ~Author Unknown
- Don't be yourself - be someone a little nicer. If you want others to be happy, practice kindness. If you want to be happy, practice kindness. ~Anonymous

- **Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it. ~Author Unknown**
- **A fellow who does things that count, doesn't usually stop to count them. ~Variation of a saying by Albert Einstein**
- **Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. ~Mark Twain**
- **Kindness, like a boomerang, always returns. ~Author Unknown**
- **You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out. ~Frank A. Clark

Three quotes to never forget:

We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.

Being considerate of others will take your children further in life than any college degree.

A bit of fragrance always clings to the hand that gives roses.



Before today is over show an act of kindness to someone that you know about...and God knows about...but do not expect anything in return!

Read 1 Samuel 18:1-9---“in Between time”---Read 2 Samuel 9:1-13

David is Merciful to Mephibosheth!

- **David solidifies Israel after he becomes King.**
- He took Jerusalem from the Jebusites, who had never been driven from the Promised Land.
- David makes Jerusalem the capital city due to its strategic position on a high ridge in the center of the kingdom.
- **David resides there and the city is named “the City of David.”**
- **David brings the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem.**
- **For 20 years it had been in a private home...now, it was in the City of David.**
- **David had sacrifices made to God...blessing the people.**
- **David prays before the Lord.... “Acknowledging God’s greatness and mercy...asking for God’s blessing on the kingdom of Israel (2 Samuel 7:18-29).**
- **David’s conquers surrounding nations where the people of Israel would no longer be oppressed by the people who had not been driven out when the Hebrews first entered the Promised Land.**
- **David becomes famous for his military wisdom ...with God giving him victory wherever he went (2 Samuel 8:13-14.**
- **At that time, David did what was just and right for all his people (2 Samuel 8:15).**
- **David....while trying to do what was right in the sight of God...remembered his old friend, Jonathan.**
- **David wanted to bless Jonathan’s descendants....instead of like most kings who would have sought out the descendants of the former king and executed them where they would never be a threat to the throne.**
- **However...David wanted to honor the friend who saved his life. He sought out Jonathan’s son, Mephibosheth.**
- **Mephibosheth was crippled when he was a child as he and his nurse was fleeing from the conquering foes who had killed his father (Jonathan) and his grandfather (Saul) in battle (2 Samuel 4:4).**
- **He was hiding in a neighboring city, a city that was dirty and disgusting...with all kinds of ungodly characters.**
- **Mephibosheth feared David...thinking that David would kill him if found.**
- **When summoned to the king, Mephibosheth bows to the king...fearing for his life.**
- **DAVID, HOWEVER, SHOWED KINDNESS AND COMPASSION TO MEPHIBOSHETH....GIVING TO MEPHIBOSHETH ALL THE LAND THAT BELONGED TO SAUL AND HIS FAMILY.**
- **DAVID ALSO ASKED MEPHIBOSHETH TO SIT AT THE KING’S TABLE WITH HIM ...AS IF MEPHIBOSHETH WAS HIS OWN SON.**

DAVID'S KINDNESS WAS GODLY...SHOWING COMPASSION, KINDNESS, AND REMEMBERING THE COVENANT HE MADE WITH JONATHAN MANY YEARS BEFORE.

THIS WAS A DEMONSTRATION OF DAVID'S INTEGRITY...SHOWING HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO SHOW LOVE AND MERCY TO THOSE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES.

What do you think motivated David to ask about Saul's relatives?

Why do you think David's kindness was so extensive?

How did David's kindness honor God, Jonathan, and Mephibosheth?

Weaving Faith into Life

Key Verse:

Romans 12:10, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

David showed kindness to Mephibosheth in various practical ways:

- 1. He took notice of him,**
- 2. He invited him to the palace,**
- 3. He gave him all the land that had belonged to Saul and his family,**
- 4. He gave him servants to assist him,**
- 5. He allowed him to eat at David's own table as a son.**

Who has showed you kindness? Write their names down.

Who can you show kindness to this week? Write their names down.

The **Number one thing.....Because of Jesus' ultimate act of love and kindness....dying on the cross in our place...we are free from the 2nd death.**

Let's share His kindness with others and spread the love!

The following information is "one to grow on" from this lesson on David. Some of the statements made below are what I believe to be a spiritual insight (possibly discernment on my part), in lieu of the Scripture just telling us that this is truth with no speculation or Biblical wisdom involved. However, when you see the context of Scripture and what the story of **David's victory over Goliath is saying to our spiritual** side of life, the reader will come to the conclusion that God, in His great wisdom, pre-plans for **everything. He doesn't make mistakes; therefore, certain acts in the Old Testament coincides and blends in with that of the New Testament and a great revelation or truth is established (not established for God...but, for us!)** We just have to be alert to what the Spirit is saying in lieu of what words say on paper or what our human spirit is trying to say to us. Remember, if our speculations, what Christian writers have written, or our visions and dreams **don't line up with Scripture, count it as false doctrine/teaching.**

Must Read: 1 Samuel 16:1; 16:10-13.

1 Samuel 17:1-4, 22-23, 26, 32, 41-46, 49-51, 54.

Remember...the Spirit of the Lord was on David.

Goliath of Gath....the giant who defies the army of the Lord.

David kills this giant...in the name of the Lord.

David cuts off his head.

David takes the skull to Jerusalem.

Jerusalem was not conquered by the Israelites at the time.

"Place of the skull" ...Hill in Jerusalem.

The enemy must take notice....God will conquer evil....Jesus will be the conquering hero.

Jesus defeats the greatest enemy of all....on the hill called "Golgotha, place of the skull)...thus, cutting off the head of the serpent. All the serpent is doing now is wagging his tail around not realizing his head has been cut off and he is going to wiggle in agony in hell forever.

Speculation...or truth? Think about it.
