

## VERSES ON KINDNESS

**Ruth 1:8** 8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May Yahweh deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

**Ruth 2:20** 20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, May he be blessed by Yahweh, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead! Naomi also said to her, The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers.

**Ruth 2:13** 13 Then [Ruth] said, I have found grace in your eyes, my lord, for you [Boaz] have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants.

**Ruth 3:10** 10 And he said, May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.<sup>1</sup>

**1 Samuel 15:6** 6 Then Saul said to the Kenites, Go, depart. Go down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the people of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

**2 Samuel 9:7** 7 And David said to [Mephibosheth], Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always.

**2 Kings 25:28** 28 And [Evil-merodach] spoke kindly to [Jehoiachin] and gave him a seat above the seats of the kings who were with him in Babylon.

**2 Chronicles 24:22** 22 Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him, but killed his son. And when he was dying, he said, May Yahweh see and avenge!

**Job 6:14** 14 He who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

**Psalms 109:12-16** 12 Let there be none to extend kindness to him, nor any to pity his fatherless children! 13 May his posterity be cut off. May his name be blotted out in the second generation! 14 May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before Yahweh, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out! 15 Let them be before Yahweh continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth! 16 For he did not remember to show kindness, but pursued the poor, needy, and the brokenhearted, to put them to death.

**Psalms 141:5** 5 Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness. Let him rebuke me—it is oil for my head. Let my head not refuse it.

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<sup>1</sup> Ruth, Yahweh, and Boaz are all kind in the story of *Ruth*.

**Psalm 145:13** 13 Yahweh is faithful in all his words and *kind* in all his works.

**Proverbs 11:17** 17 A man who is *kind* (טוֹבֵן) benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself.

**Proverbs 21:21** 21 Whoever pursues righteousness and *kindness* (טוֹבֵן) will find life, righteousness, and honor.

**Proverbs 31:26** 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of *kindness* (טוֹבֵן) is on her tongue.

**Hosea 11:4** 4 I led them with cords of *kindness/humaneness* (חַסְדִּים), with the bands of love (חַבְדִּים), and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.

**Micah 6:8** 8 He has told you, O man, what is good. And what does Yahweh require of you but to do justice, and to love *kindness* (טוֹבֵן), and to walk humbly with your God?

**Zechariah 7:9-10** 9 Thus says Yahweh of hosts, Render true judgments, show *kindness* (טוֹבֵן) and mercy to one another, 10 do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.

**Matthew 11:30** 30 For my yoke is *kind* (χρηστός), and my burden is light.

**Luke 6:35-36** 35 But love (ἀγαπάω) your enemies, do good (ἀγαθοποιέω), and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind (χρηστός) to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful (οἰκτίρμων), even as your Father is merciful.

**Luke 10:36-37** 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers? 37 He said, The one who showed him *mercy* (ἔλεος). And Jesus said to him, You go, and do likewise.

**Romans 2:4** 4 Or do you presume on the riches of [God's] kindness (χρηστός), forbearance, and patience, not knowing that God's kindness (χρηστός) is meant to lead you to a change of mind?

**Romans 11:22** 22 Note then the *kindness* (χρηστότης) and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's *kindness* (χρηστότης) to you, provided you continue in his *kindness* (χρηστότης). Otherwise you too will be cut off.

**1 Corinthians 15:33** 33 Do not be deceived: Bad company ruins *kind* (χρηστός) morals.

**2 Corinthians 6:4-7** 4 ...But as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, *kindness* (χρηστότης), the Holy

Spirit, genuine love; 7 by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;

**Galatians 5:22** 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, *kindness* (χρηστότης), goodness, faithfulness....

**Ephesians 2:4-7** 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Messiah —by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Messiah Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in *kindness* toward us in Messiah Jesus.

**Ephesians 4:32** 32 Be *kind* to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Messiah forgave you.

**Colossians 3:12** 12 Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, *kindness* (χρηστότης), humility, meekness, and patience....

**Titus 3:4-5** 4 But when the *kindness* (χρηστότης) and *affectionate concern* (φιλανθρωπία)<sup>2</sup> of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit....

**1 Peter 2:2-3** 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is kind (χρηστός).

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<sup>2</sup> “[A]ffectionate concern for and interest in humanity, (*loving*) *kindness*” (BDAG, 1055).