

“SIMPLE UNDESERVED KINDNESS”

WHO IS TABITHA? (Ac. 9:36-41)

LOVE IS KIND:

- Love is kind (1Cor. 13:4); God is love; God is kind (Ps. 106:7; 116:5; 145:17).
 - Kindness – goodness, generosity, gentleness, graciousness, compassion, faithfulness; a benevolent attitude or action.
- God is rich in kindness (Eph. 1:7-8; 2:7).
 - This means He has a lot of kindness in His heart that is expressed to us.
- God’s kindness is totally undeserved by us (Lk. 6:35-36; Ro. 3:24; Titus 3:4-5).
- God’s kindness is intended to motivate us to turn from our sin (Ro. 2:4).
- Many times we wrongly interpret God’s kindness as His approval of how we live our lives. Or we just flat have no awareness of His kindness and call it “luck” or “good fortune” or a “coincidence.”
 - God is willing to take that risk.
 - This is what He did when he sent His Son Jesus to save us from our sins and take the punishment for our sins.
 - We must be willing to take the same risk and demonstrate God’s love to others by being kind.

UNDESERVED KINDNESS

- Undeserved kindness is extremely powerful.
 - It reflects God’s kindness.
 - It breaks down barriers and wrong beliefs people have about God.
 - It can overcome intellectual objections.
 - It can soften embittered hearts.
 - It will be richly rewarded by God.

- God calls us to demonstrate His kindness to others (Pr. 3:3; 2Cor. 6:6; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:12).
 - Show the same undeserved kindness that you received from God.

CHRISTMAS:

- Christmas celebrates God's greatest act of undeserved kindness to the people of this world ... sending His Son Jesus on our behalf.
 - The Christmas season is a wonderful opportunity to show God's kindness to others.
- How can we do this?
 - Give an unexpected gift to someone;
 - Invite a lonely person or neighbor for dinner.
 - Visit someone in a retirement home.
 - Do an unexpected act of service for someone.
 - Help out at a Community event.
 - Go caroling with a group of friends.
 - Invite someone to church for Christmas Eve.
 - Pray and come up with your own creative idea.
 - Make sure it is unexpected and undeserved with no strings attached.
- Let's make a difference this Christmas, by doing acts of kindness that will touch people's hearts with the love of God.