

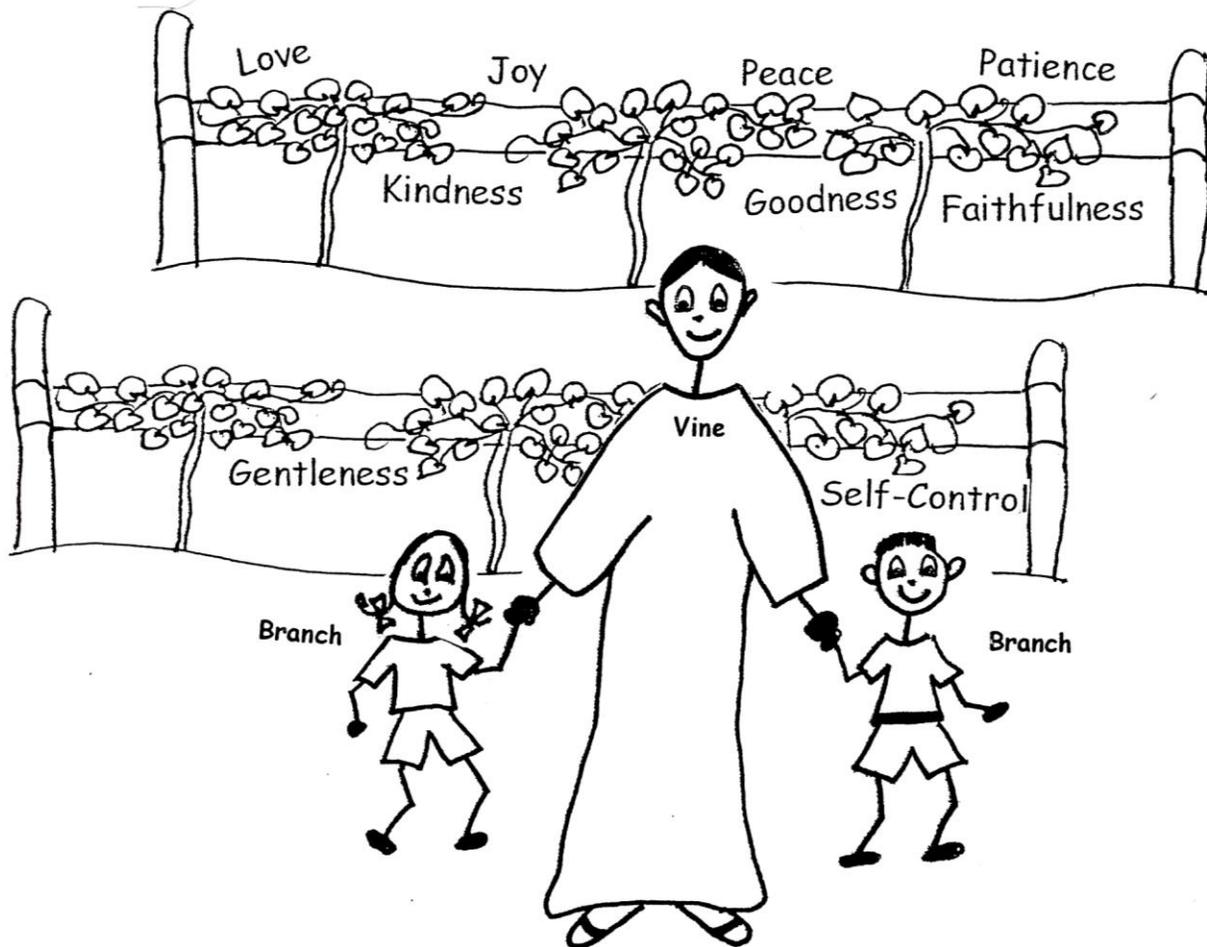
# The Fifth Part of the Fruit of the Spirit

## Kindness

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Fruit of the Holy Spirit



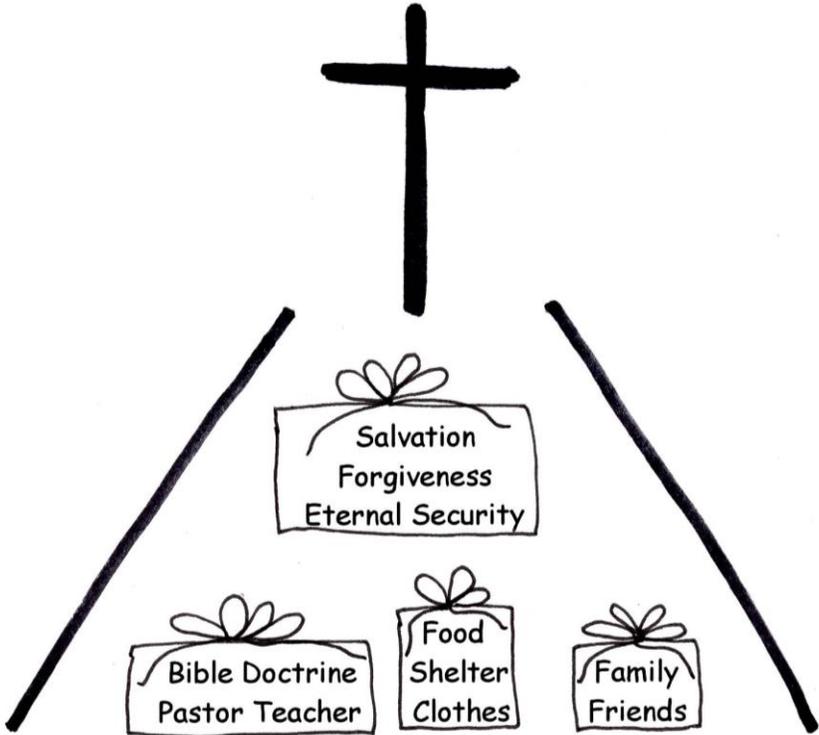
Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; against such things there is no law [we can't do works to experience them; we study the Bible and the Holy Spirit gives us understanding of them so we can experience them].

The fifth part of the fruit of the Spirit is kindness. Other words for kindness are courteous, loving, considerate, understanding, gentle, helpful, patient, and generous. When we are kind, we are not self-centered. We are sensitive or tender to others.



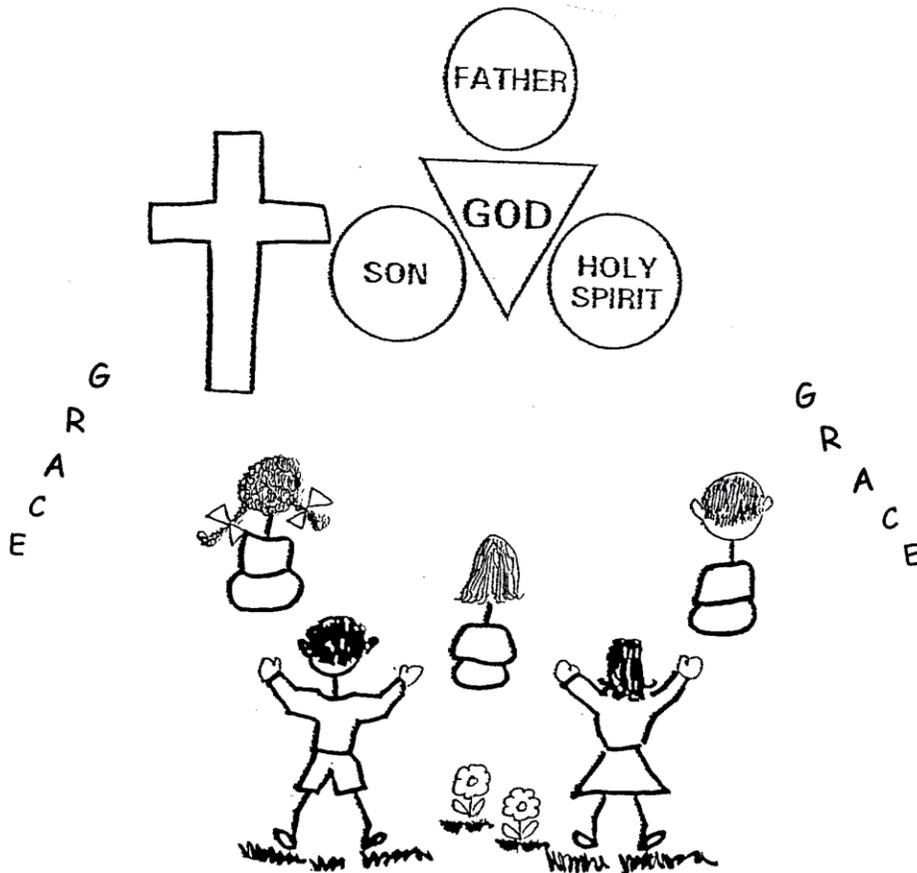
Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is virtue love, joy, peace, patience, **kindness**, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. [We can't do works to gain them. We learn Bible doctrine and the Holy Spirit changes us.

Kindness also means being gracious and acting with grace. Acting with grace means we give without strings attached. We give unconditionally, not expecting anything in return. We recognize how gracious God is with us by freely giving to us all we need to be His obedient children. We don't earn it and we don't deserve it. God can freely give to us because of the work of our Savior, Jesus Christ, on the cross. When we understand all that God does for us, we are lead back to the cross and we are motivated to be kind or gracious to others.



Romans 8:32 He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, **graciously give** us all things?

We can never match God's kindness to us. He gave His own Son to become our Savior. That is matchless grace! We have been graced out, so to speak! What a kind, loving, patient, gentle, considerate, understanding, and generous Father we have! Let us never forget Who has given us all things. "Thank You, God!"



Colossians 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, Who has **qualified us to share** in the inheritance of the saints in light.

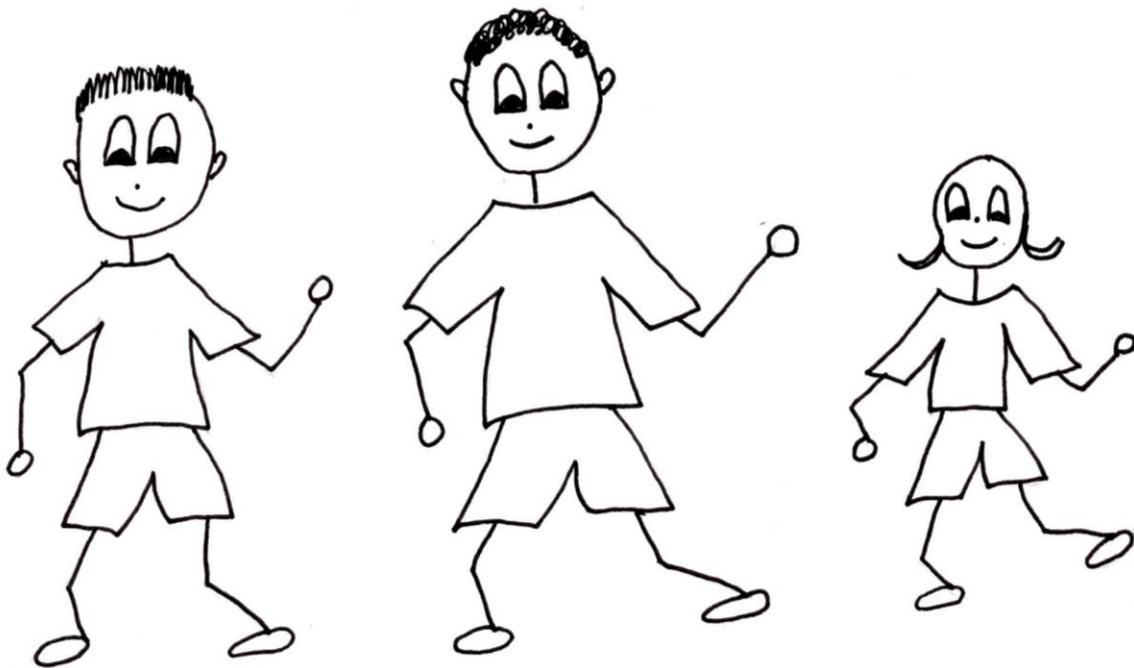
God wants us to be kind to others, or to be gracious to others. He has shown us the way and teaches us in the Bible. We learn that we have nothing that isn't from God. He just gives, gives, and gives to us. In turn, we learn to give to others of our time, talent, or treasure. We learn to be kind to others.



Ephesians 4:32 Be **kind** to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was the kindest person on earth. He did not come to condemn us or make us feel guilty. He came to save and to free us from guilt. When using kindness we don't make others feel guilty. We don't judge others. We encourage them with God's word. We march with them in the plan of God.

### MARCH IN THE PLAN OF GOD.



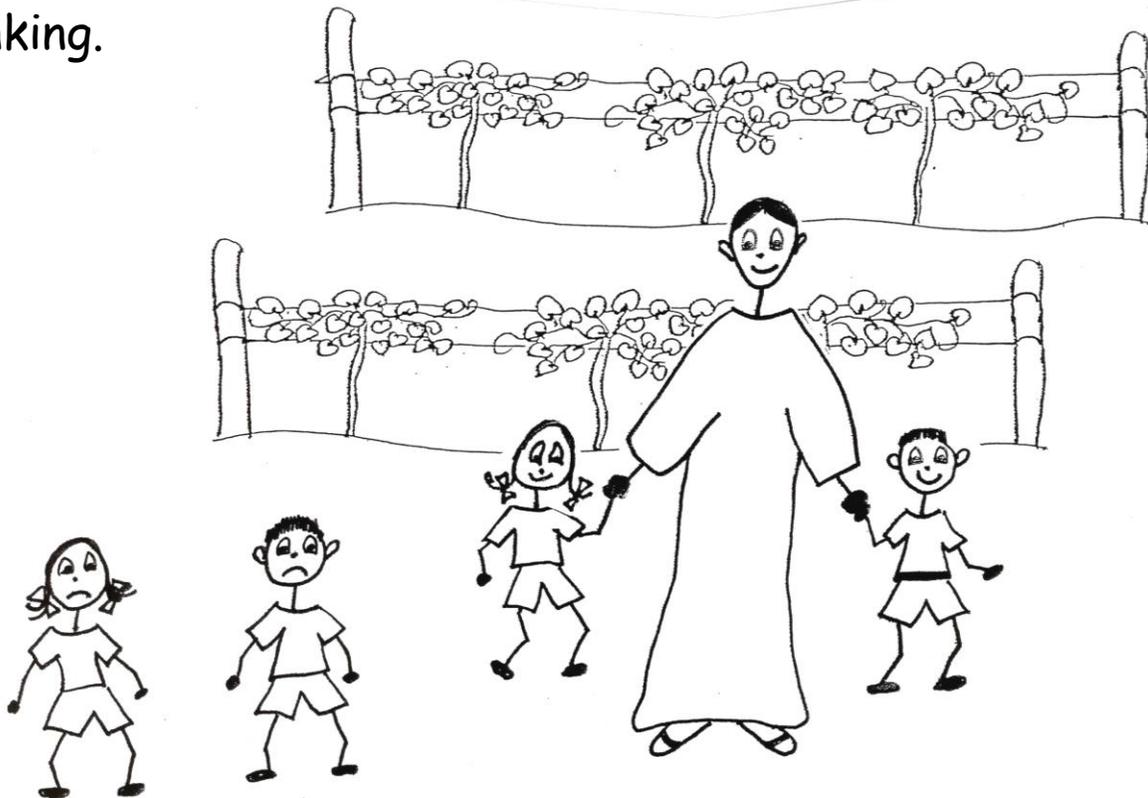
1 Thessalonians 5:15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always **seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.**

God knows all of our faults but He doesn't tell anyone about them. He could tell some pretty good stories about us! God knows that would be harmful to us. He doesn't want to harm us. God wants us to grow in His grace and wisdom, not to be pushed down with our faults. God loves us and we need to love people in the same way, with virtue love. We need to encourage them, not tell their faults to others. That would not be kind! Do we want people to tell others about our faults? NO!



Proverbs 17:9 He who **covers a transgression [sin] seeks love**, but he who repeats a matter [maligms, gossips] separates intimate friends.

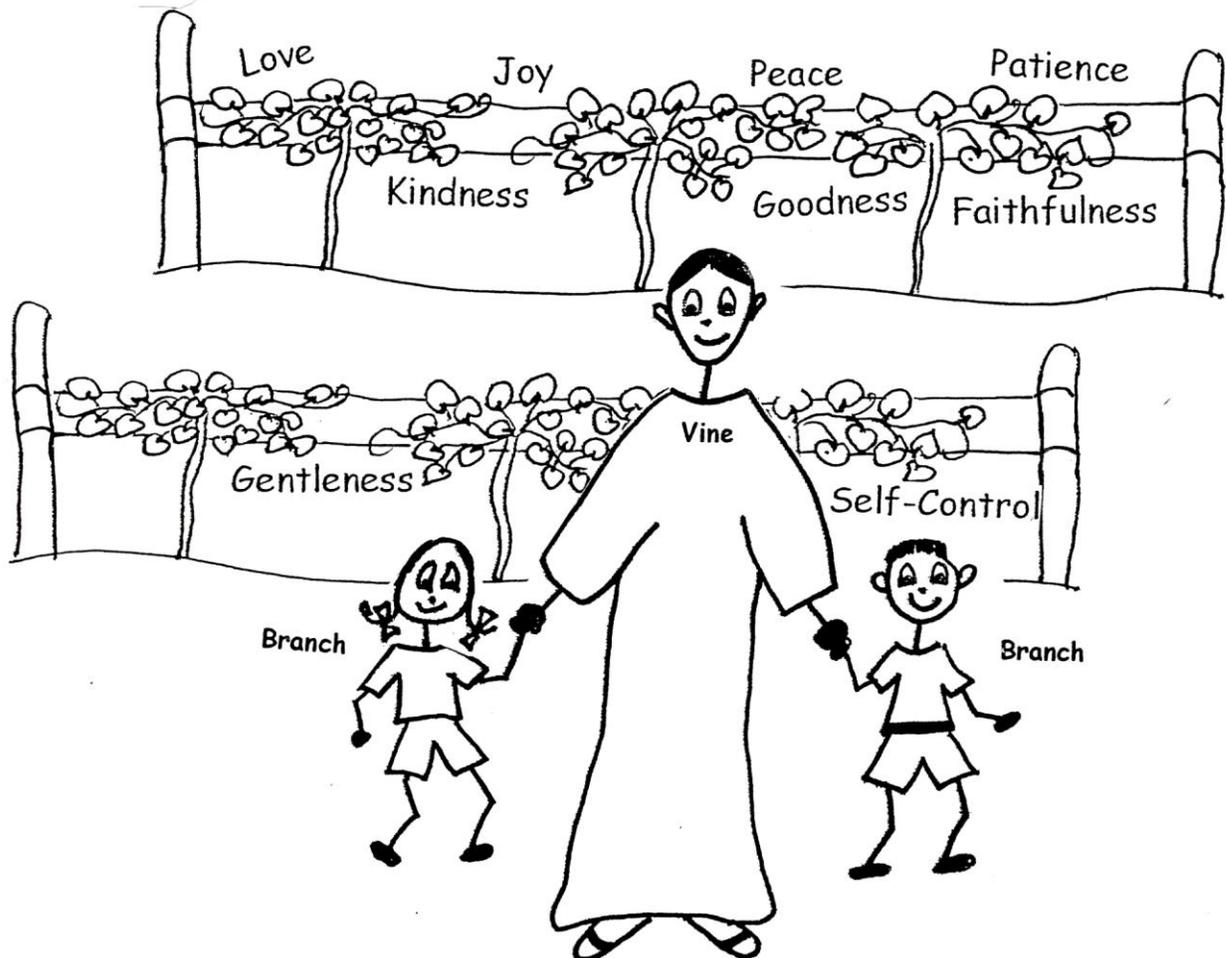
We couldn't be abiding (living) in a better place than in the Vine, the Lord Jesus Christ. This means that through the power of the Holy Spirit we are using Christ's thinking. He is always kind. He will never leave us alone. He will never put us down. He will always be our Friend. We will always have a home with the Lord Jesus Christ through His thinking! If we leave that safe abode, or reject Jesus' thinking, we just need to acknowledge it and turn back to our home with Jesus Christ. We need to agree with His thinking.



Hebrews 13:5-6 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, **"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."** So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

When we are abiding in the Vine, the Holy Spirit will teach us to be kind along with the other eight parts of the fruit. We won't be pretending to be kind, loving, etc. We'll have the real thing! Through the power of God the Holy Spirit we have to learn, know, and use Scripture and He will make the His fruit grow in us! Our lives will manifest or show the fruit of the Spirit.

### Fruit of the Holy Spirit



**2Peter 3:18** But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever: Amen