

Be Nice

Part 2

Matthew 5:14-16 // 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

What defines a nice person and what does the Bible say about being nice?

Our culture needs to learn the art of being nice again!

We are called to draw men to God, not throw up walls of resistance and separation that alienates men from God.

The fact is that people like being around nice people and they don't want to spend time with mean people.

Proverbs 18:24 // "A man who has friends must himself be friendly."

If you struggle with drawing people to you it could be because you haven't learned the art of being nice.

If you find yourself constantly lonely and you have no friends, the problem could be you really need this message.

To say "I don't need anyone. I'm fine by myself," is just not Biblical.

1. Because it's not healthy for you

Genesis 2:18 // "And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone;""

God did not create you to be alone!

2 .Because being alone is selfish and misses God's design for your life.

Genesis 1:27-28 // “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

God intended for us to multiply, not diminish or remain alone.

Matthew 28:19 // “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

We are called to make disciples, not enemies.

Our lives are created to touch others and allow the nature of God in us draw them to God.

How to be a Nice Person Review:

1 .Get off your butt and do something nice!

It's hard to be mean when you are too busy being nice!

Quit looking outside the window of the house you life in.

If no one is in the room that you desire to get to know, find another area and another passions, and add that to the list of doing good

2 .Laugh when you want to scream!

Often we are not nice because we are frustrated with our own situation.

Give your frustration to God and let His peace wash over you

3 . Drink your nice juice

You can't be consistently nice unless you are plugged into the One who is consistently nice.

4 .Quit being stingy!

Stingy people are simply mean people because they are always looking out for number one.

If you want to be nice, loosen up and be a giver!

Today - 4 More Keys to Being Nice

5 .Don't get even, tilt the scales in your favor!

Romans 12:14 // "Bless those who persecute you..."

Don't live life with an even that score mentality.

Live with I'm going to tilt the scales in my favor.

Live life in such a way that when people do wrong to you, you look for how you can do something nice for them!

If will help you forgive, let it go, and remain nice!

Getting even may seem like it evens the score but it actually takes away from your life.

Galatians 6:8-10 // "Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in

doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Getting even doesn't get you even, it actually stacks the deck against you.

Being nice when evil is done is the way to tilt the scales in your favor.

6 .If you don't have anything good to say then just don't say it!

Romans 12:14 // “...bless and do not curse.”

It's so easy to speak ill of all the things people do that irritate us.

Psalm 15:2-3 // “Who is the one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous? The one whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;”

Don't be a person that just tells it like it is.

Be a person that speaks the trust over people's lives.

There is a difference in speaking truth and speaking facts.

Don't just tell it like it is, say what God says about them.

Nice people don't say mean things about others behind their back.

Nice people have the restraint to hold their tongue and the courage to deal directly with offenders and the love to do so respectfully.

Matthew 18:15 // “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.”

Have the courage to talk to them directly if it's such a big deal that you need to deal with it.

7 .Walk a mile in another man's shoes but quit coveting Lebron's Air Jordans.

Romans 12:15 // "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."

Nice people have the capacity to lovingly see life through the eyes of others verses covetously through selfish eyes.

First they don't callously gloat when others fail or are hurting.

Second, they can rejoice with someone when they win instead of being jealous of them.

If you can't cheer when someone else wins you need to grow in being nice.

Nice people don't covet the success of others!

Coveting is one of the biggest reasons folks don't succeed.

8 .Quit living by the motto, "My Way or the Highway"

Romans 12:16 // "Be of the same mind toward one another."

Note: same mind "toward" the other

How do you have the same mind when there is a difference of opinion?

But it's not an either or situation when you disagree.

It's time to consider the **Third Option**

That we will agree to disagree because I respect the right that God gave you to have your opinion in the matter.

Nice people respect the opinion of others even if they don't agree with them.

And Nice People don't get upset when stuff doesn't go their way or people don't embrace their view of things.

Nice people don't pick up their toys and leave the sandbox when their idea or preference is not embraced.

And they don't stay in the sandbox and make everyone miserable with their angry or pouty attitude either.

In the rare instance where the preference of the other is a violation of personal convictions, they don't judge them in their right to choose or think differently.

9 .Stop Being an Arrogant Jerk!

Romans 12:16 // "Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion."

Nobody likes a know-it-all so quit being one!

A. People don't need your opinion when they are having a problem, they need your compassion.

Learn the art of empathy and listening because that is most often what people need.

Eliminate "I told you so" from your vocabulary.

B. And people don't want your opinion when they are living out theirs.

The worst advice a person can give is unsolicited advice.

Matthew 7:6 // “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”

Nice people learn to keep their opinions to themselves unless called upon to express them.

Colossians 3:12-13 // “Therefore, as God’s chosen people clothe yourselves with humility. Bear with each other”

Humility is the clothing of the nice.

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Make a choice to let your light shine by being nice!