

# Fruitful - Growing what only God can produce

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We are called to bear the fruit of the Spirit but just as fruit must ripen before it is ready, spiritual fruit develops as we intentionally “clothe ourselves” with Christlike qualities. Good fruit comes from a good tree—so we must remain rooted in God.

## Colossians 3:12

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

### 1. PATIENCE:

#### James 5:7-8

“Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord’s return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.”

“Makrothumia”: means “long-tempered” —enduring difficult people and circumstances without anger or despair.

*Matthew Henry: "Patience is that grace which enables us to bear afflictions and calamities with constancy and calmness of mind and with a ready submission to the will of God."*

Biblical Examples:

- Job: Maintained integrity through immense suffering.
- Moses: Learned patience during 40 years as a shepherd.

*Warren Wiersbe: "Patience is not just the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting."*

### 2. KINDNESS:

#### Ephesians 4:32

“Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

“Crestotes”: is moral goodness expressed in tender concern and tangible acts of care. It goes beyond being “nice” to actively demonstrating love and compassion.

Biblical Examples:

- Ruth: Showed kindness to Naomi.
- The Good Samaritan: Helped and paid for a stranger’s care.

*Billy Graham: "Kindness has converted more sinners than zeal, eloquence, or learning."*

### 3. GOODNESS:

#### Psalm 23:6

“Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.”

“Agathosune”: Goodness includes moral excellence and a desire to do what is right, sometimes requiring firmness and correction. It goes beyond kindness by actively promoting what is good and true.

Biblical Examples:

- Joseph: Forgave his brothers rather than seeking revenge.
- Dorcas (Tabitha): Known for doing good and helping the poor.

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good.” Genesis 50:20

*C.S. Lewis: "Goodness is, so to speak, itself; badness is only spoiled goodness."*

#### Start Talking: Spark Conversation

- 1) What does patience look like in your daily life?
- 2) Can you share a time when kindness changed a difficult situation?
- 3) How have you seen goodness actively make a difference in your community?

#### Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

- 4) In what areas do you find it hardest to be patient? Why?
- 5) How can you move beyond “being nice” to showing true kindness?
- 6) Are there situations where goodness requires you to be firm or corrective? How do you handle that?

#### Start Sharing: Open Heart / Share Stories

- 7) Share a story when patience helped you or someone else through a tough time.
- 8) Tell about a time when an act of kindness deeply impacted you or someone you know.

- 9) Describe a moment when choosing goodness over convenience made a difference in your life or others'.

### Start Doing: Commit to Act

- Challenge given by the pastor:
- Patience: Identify a relationship or situation that tests your patience. Pray for the Holy Spirit to cultivate patience in you.
- Kindness: Perform three unexpected acts of kindness—one for a family member, one for a friend, and one for a stranger.
- Goodness: Reflect on an area where you have been morally neutral or passive. Commit to actively advancing what is good in that area.

### **Praying.**

Dear God,

Help me to put on patience, kindness, and goodness every day. Show me where I need to grow and give me the strength to act, so that my life may reflect Your Spirit and transform the lives around me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Announcements:**

- Be part of our team - become a volunteer



- HOP every Friday 7pm at Formation Center
- Give your offering through Contribua, it goes straight to The Way Ministry. Link: <https://contribua.pibcuritiba.org.br/produtos/paginaproduto/135>
- The Way Camp - First Batch on sale R\$ 340 (3x)