



BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER

Ephesians 4:31&32

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Scripture Study

Jesus said, “...but if you do not **forgive others their trespasses**, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” (Matthew 6:15). The Lord has forgiven us so much. He has been so gracious to us when we deserve to be punished for our sins. When he could have poured out his wrath on us, he instead forgave us. If your brother or sister, or a friend says an unkind word to you, or takes something from you, or is in anyway not nice to you, that is nothing compared to that for which God has forgiven you. Instead of responding **in anger** toward them, you should forgive them. In Matthew 6:15, Jesus is saying if you are not willing to forgive others when they hurt you or are mean to you, then you shouldn’t expect God to forgive you. When someone else is unkind to us, our response shouldn’t be to be unkind back, or to pay them back for what they did, but to be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving them, just as we have been **forgiven**.

Review Questions

What did Jesus say we should do to others?

What is the way that we should not respond to others?

We should forgive as we have been what?

Suggested Prayer

Lord, thank you so much for forgiving us when we sin against you and thank you for sending your son Jesus Christ, who died on the cross and rose again, paying for our sins that we might be forgiven. Please help us to love others, and to be kind to others, and to forgive others the way that you have loved and forgiven us. In Jesus name, amen.