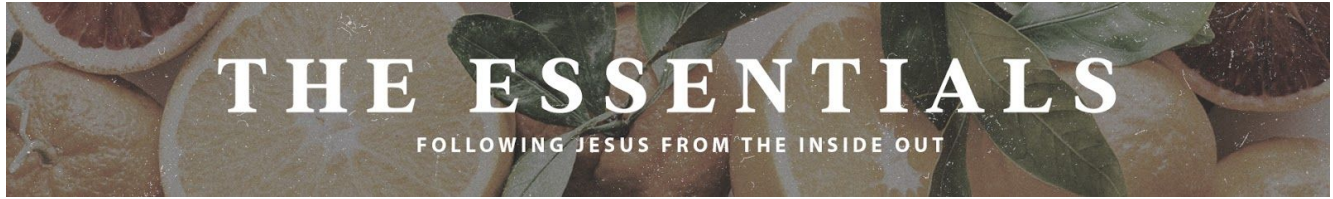


# BEYOND SUNDAY: November 1, 2020

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Series Page: [wearepcc.com/theessentials](http://wearepcc.com/theessentials)

Message: Kindness

The Essentials 9-week series will focus on what it means to reflect the character of Jesus. Each week we will wrestle with one of the essential characteristics of Jesus with the hope of it bearing fruit in our lives as we become more dependent on the Spirit to lead us. This week our focus is on the fifth fruit of the Spirit - kindness.

#1

How would you rate our society, as a whole, in being kind to each other?

#2

Today's guest speaker, Katy Langley, defined kindness as a severe commitment to another's good. What does kindness mean to you?

#3

In his book, [Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit](#), Christopher J.H. Wright reminds us that in the Old Testament, the Israelites repeatedly celebrated God's kindness. See [Isaiah 63:7](#). How has God shown kindness to you, and why is it important to both remember and celebrate God's kindness as the Israelites did, especially in today's environment?

#4

Jesus is the perfect example of kindness in action. To whom did Jesus typically show kindness and what did that look like? See [Mark 10:46-52](#) and [Luke 19:1-10](#) for two examples. What can we learn from these two examples and how can we apply it to our own lives?

#5

If, as Jesus illustrates, we are to show kindness to others, why is it that we sometimes don't? What specifically hinders you from showing kindness? As Pastor Gary Gaddini reminded us in past sermons, "What God creates can be counterfeited." What would counterfeit kindness look like?

#6

During this election week, how then will you implement this fruit of the spirit? Is it about merely being a better and nicer person? How does our brand of kindness differentiate us from the world? Fill in the blank: The end result of kindness is that it draws people to \_\_\_\_\_. See [Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit](#), page 96 for help.

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## Series Daily Prayer:



**THE ESSENTIALS**  
FOLLOWING JESUS FROM THE INSIDE OUT

### John Stott's Morning Prayer

Good morning Heavenly Father, Good morning Lord Jesus, Good morning Holy Spirit.

Father, I worship you as the Creator and sustainer of the universe.

Lord Jesus, I worship you as Lord and Saviour of this world.

Holy Spirit, I worship you as the sanctifier of the people of God.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, I pray that today I might walk in your presence and please you more and more.

Lord Jesus, I pray that today I might take up my cross and follow you.

Holy Spirit, I pray that you might fill me today with your presence and cause your fruit to ripen within me: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity; three persons in one God, have mercy on me. Amen

John Stott (1921-2011), evangelist and scholar

[Click to download prayer & Galatians 5:22-23](#)

### Actions or Resources:

- Memorize the Fruit of the Spirit: [Galatians 5:22-23](#).
- Read Chapter 6 (Goodness): [Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit](#), by Christopher J.H.Wright.
- Join a 9-Week Group: [Cultivating The Essentials](#) for Men, Women, or Coed.
- Join a [House Church](#).