

JUDGE

HYPOCRITE



God's KINDNESS

As we notice others who are living in sinful behavior, it can be our tendency to quickly and harshly condemn them. But this is not the heart of God. What actually motivates someone to repent? Why does God give people a lifetime to accept Him? What makes God the perfect judge? Finally, how can we grow in our kindness towards all?

God's _____ is the _____ that
_____ our mind .

God's kindness is _____ for those who
_____ but ends with _____ for those
who _____.

God's kindness is based upon _____, not
_____.

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Have you ever been a victim of “sin projection” where someone who is dealing with the same sin points it out in you and confronts you about it? Or have you ever done this to anyone else? Could this be why we are told that the Bible is like a mirror (James 1:22-25; Romans 12:3)?

Digging Deeper

Read about the universal kindness of God (Psalm 145:9-16; Isaiah 54:8,10). How do the five senses help us experience the goodness of God on this earth? How has the kindness of God been demonstrated through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:6-7)?

Read about the warnings of favoritism (2 Chronicles 19:4-7; James 2:1,8-9; 1 Timothy 5:21; Acts 10:34-36; Deuteronomy 10:17; Colossians 3:25; Job 34:18-19; Proverbs 24:23; Exodus 23:2; Leviticus 19:15; Genesis 37:4-5). Do you treat everyone around you with kindness, or do you tend to be more kind to certain people? How can you eliminate the sin of partiality?

Compare Jesus’ words (Matthew 7:1-5) with Romans 2:1-11. What are the similarities? What makes someone a hypocrite?

Applying the Word to Life

How can you clothe yourself with kindness (Colossians 3:12-15)? What would happen if you prayed this every morning: “Jesus, give me Your kind heart towards everyone I interact with today. Amen.” As we live in an age of “cancel culture” how can we judge in kindness in order to draw them to God?

When you are made aware of how God’s kindness runs out for the lost when they die, does this motivate you to share your faith with others who do not believe the truth? Does the reality of hell give you a passion for the wayward sinner?