

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Kindness

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Kindness

What is it?

- **χρηστότης**

- Benignity, kindness

- *Thayer's Lexicon*

- **Benignity**

- Warmhearted, good-natured, friendly, affectionate, agreeable, cordial, approachable, caring, well-disposed

David Showed Kindness to Mephibosheth

* **2 Samuel 9**

* Kind Request

* Kind Reception

* Kind pRovision

Kindness in his Request

- * David sought an opportunity for kindness
- * He also remembered his vow
- * He inquired about the house of Saul
- * Saul was the greatest enemy of David

Kindness in his Reception

- * Mephibosheth is sent for
 - Son of Jonathan, grandson of Saul
- * David greets him kindly
 - By name, with comfort, and promises
- * Mephibosheth responds with humility
 - Not taking for granted the kindness

Kindness in his Provision

- * David follows through with his promises
- * David appears as the shadow of Jesus Christ