

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- November 23, 2016

"The Blessings of Kindness"

In a blinding rainstorm, the older African woman desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car that came along.

A young white man stopped to help her – something that was generally unheard of in Alabama in the conflict-filled 1960s. The man took her to safety. He helped her get the assistance she needed. He even put her in a taxi at his own expense to get her to where she needed to go. She seemed to be in a hurry. She took his address, thanked him, and then went away in the cab.

Seven days later, there was a knock at his door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A note was attached to it which said:

*"Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night.
The rain drenched not only my clothes but also my spirit.
Then you came along. Because of you,
I was able to get to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away.
God bless you for helping me and for unselfishly serving others."*

Mrs. Nat King Cole

This story reminds me what the Bible teaches about Hospitality. It says: "The people of God should practice hospitality, for there will be times you will entertain angels unknowingly." Hospitality is not just entertaining but involves acts of kindness. "Kindness" will make you a better person. Here's how to practice it in your personality:

For your eyes – seek out the good in other people

For your lips – speak kindly

For your ears – listen to God's Word

For your heart – forgive others and yourself

For your hands – use gentleness

For your posture – use uprightness

For your legs and feet – walk God's path

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Have a nice week. See you in church Sunday.
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