

**God's Lovingkindness**  
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**Note: Unless otherwise indicated all scriptures are taken from the NKJV**

Psalm 143:8

“Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning,  
For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,  
For I lift up my soul to You.”

- The ancient Hebrew word here translated **lovingkindness** is *hesed* - *mercy, kindness, and love*.
- This is a good prayer to pray.

Jesus said, “You shall know them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:16).

**Nine forms of Spiritual Fruit**

Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

Love—the primary form of fruit  
Joy is love rejoicing.  
Peace is love resting.  
Longsuffering is love forbearing.  
Kindness is love serving others.  
Goodness is love seeking the best for others.  
Faithfulness is love keeping its promises.  
Gentleness is love ministering to the hurts of others.  
Self-control is love in control. (*Derek Prince*)

Luke 6:27-31

But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

Gal 6:7-10

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

## Helping the poor

### Proverbs 19:17

“He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord,  
And He will pay back what he has given.”

### Ephesians 4:30-32

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

### Philippians 4:6-7

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

### Titus 3:3-7

“For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” (ESV)

The work of the Spirit is to make us more like Christ for His glory, not for the praise of men.