

The Most Excellent Way Part 2- More than a Feeling

True Biblical love (*Agapē*) is not a feeling, it is a deep care for others that rises out of the highest regard for God.

8 *Agapē* never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:8

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

18 ...let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

Patience is about being willing to forgo our personal rights and be offended, especially when we have the power to get even.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. Romans 12:17

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. Luke 23:34

4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. Titus 3:4-5

Kindness goes far beyond common courtesy to the point where it is costly, dirty and messy.

28 “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ 29 “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. 30 “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go. 31 “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Matthew 21:28-31

The Bible consistently points out that our well being is completely wrapped up in the well being of others.

The kindness of God “showed up” for us. It is time that we begin to “show up” for others with our patience and kindness.

