The Word For The Weak

~~ Weekly Newsletter ~~
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"For when I am weak, then I am strong."
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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(**SPECIAL NOTE:** This Newsletter covers a two-week period)

THE WORD IS: "KIND"

SAYING THESE THINGS:

When I first heard the Lord Holy Spirit say that this week's word is "KIND", I had to ask for some clarification.

I asked Him if He meant "'KIND', as in species?" (i.e. '... each after their own kind'), or "'KIND', opposite of 'mean'"?

He said:

"KIND', OPPOSITE OF 'MEAN'".

Therefore, let us search the Scripture to find out how Kind is used.

Much of the time in the Bible, Kind is used to mean "species" or "kindred".

But here is what I discovered. The first instance of Kind that I can find in accordance with the Lord's meaning is here:

Psalm 145:17 (NASB)

17 The LORD is righteous in all His ways, And **kind** in all His works.

And these follow in the New Testament.

Luke 6:35 (NASB)

35 "But love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is **kind** to ungrateful and evil people.

Acts 10:33 (NASB)

33 So I sent for you immediately, and you have been **kind** enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

1 Corinthians 13:4 (NASB)

4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,

Ephesians 4:32 (NASB)

32 Be **<u>kind</u>** to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

2 Timothy 2:24 (NASB)

24 The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be **kind** to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,

Titus 2:5 (NASB)

5 (**3** Older women are ...) to be sensible, pure, workers at home, **<u>kind</u>**, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

These are all the instances of Kind in the Bible that I could find. But then there is "Kindness, Kindly, Kindhearted" etc., which the readers can discover for themselves.

As we see from 1 Corinthians 13, Kind is a word that describes one of the expressions of Love; "love is kind."

But now let's see how Webster (or in this case the Oxford Dictionary) defines Kind in the way the Lord is using it in this Newsletter.

adjective

having or showing a friendly, generous, and considerate nature: she was a good, kind woman | he was very kind to me.

- [predicative] used in a polite request: would you be kind enough to repeat what you said?
- [predicative] (kind to) (of a consumer product) gentle on (a part of the body): look for rollers that are kind to hair.
- archaic affectionate; loving.
- origin Old English gecynde 'natural, native'; in Middle English the earliest sense is 'well born or well bred,' whence 'well disposed by nature, courteous, gentle, benevolent.'

I think that to me, being kind is possible with help from the Lord, Who is Himself Kind, and is encapsulated in the Words of **Jesus**:

John 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

May our <u>Father</u> grant us <u>His</u> Light to Know, Live, and Love <u>His</u> **Word**.

Amen.

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