

The Scriptures teach that we will reap what we
sow – the Old Testament

Isa 3:10 Say to the righteous that it will go well
with them, for they will eat the fruit of their
actions. 11 Woe to the wicked! It will go badly
with him, for what he deserves will be done to
him.

Jer 17:10 "I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the
mind, even to give to each man according to his
ways, according to the results of his deeds.

The New Testament

Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

2 Cor 9:6 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully.

Throughout the Scriptures there God's principle is
that we will reap what we sow.

What goes around comes around! – although not
necessarily in this life, it will come around.

There are some Old Testament passages that teach us about one of the most important character traits we might adopt – kindness.

Prov 3:3 Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you but to do
justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with
your God?

God includes kindness when He speaks of a
wonderful wife

Prov 31:26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, and
the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Kindness in the NASV is often translated mercy by
the KJV. It is best illustrated by the generous gift
of God to mankind.

Rom 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who will render to every man according to his deeds: 7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; ...

8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious
(contentious - KJV; self-seeking – ESV, NIV) and do
not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness,
wrath and indignation. 9 There will be tribulation
and distress for every soul of man who does evil,
of the Jew first and also of the Greek, 10 but glory
and honor and peace to every man who does
good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

In this passage kindness (doing good) is equated with helping others as opposed to self while walking in truth.

There are some things we might think are helpful (kind) but are not.

Putting up with laziness in our children or others
is not kind.

II Th 3:10 For even when we were with you, we
used to give you this order: if anyone will not
work, neither let him eat.

Prov 24:30 I passed by the field of the sluggard,
and by the vineyard of the man lacking sense; 31
And behold, it was completely overgrown with
thistles, its surface was covered with nettles, and
its stone wall was broken down. 32 When I saw, I
reflected upon it; I looked, and received
instruction. 33 "A little sleep, a little slumber, a
little folding of the hands to rest," 34 Then your
poverty will come as a robber, and your want like
an armed man.

Tolerance of sin is not kind

Rom 1:32 and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Eph 5:11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

Ps 50:16 But to the wicked God says, "What right have you to tell of My statutes, and to take My covenant in your mouth? 17 "For you hate discipline, and you cast My words behind you. 18 "When you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you associate with adulterers. 19 "You let your mouth loose in evil, and your tongue frames deceit. 20 "You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.

Failing to discipline a child is not kind.

Heb 12:6 For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives." 7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Prov 13:24 He who spares his rod hates his son,
but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.

Prov 19:18 Discipline your son while there is
hope, and do not desire his death.

Prov 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom, but
a child who gets his own way brings shame to his
mother.

What is kindness?

Luke 6:35 "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 men.

The first part of this verse shows the kindness of
God to each of us.

Eph 4:32 And be kind to one another, tender-
hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ
also has forgiven you.

God did not forgive us because we were so good or nice or we deserved it. He forgave us while we were despicable in our sin and were destined for Hell.

Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

As a result of our choosing, we change our attitude to be like Him.

Col 3:12 And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Just so, we must learn to be kind to those we find wanting in personal kindness.

Lk 11:4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

Lk records this as Jesus saying this is something His disciples already do – if we are His disciples

Have you asked yourself how someone could have come up with the idea that we ought to be kind to those who are not kind?

It's not in man's nature is it?

Psa 8:3-4 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, (4) what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

In this house we've built of make believe
Loved ones go long before seems it's time to
leave

But we will learn how to grieve, to forgive and
receive

'Til we see them there in that city
Span of stars overhead as we walk this road
While this darkness remains I will bear your load
And together we will tend the seed He's sown
As we walk along the road to that city

On that day we will sing "Holy, Holy"
On that day we'll bow down in the light
And then we'll rise and turn our eyes
To the One who's the light, the light of that city
To the Lord, Jesus Christ
He's the light of that City – Allen Asbury

We want you to be there too, filled with kindness
and love for the Lord and others.

Why won't you do what He commands now?

Mat 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20)
teaching them to observe all that I have
commanded you.