

4 Ways the Bible shows us 2 Types of People:

1. Prov. 11:16-17 – “a kindhearted woman gains honor, but ruthless men gain only wealth. Those who are kind benefit themselves, but the cruel bring ruin on themselves.”

- Kindness isn't always natural instinct. It's learned behavior. Practice.
- Kindness is not being soft or weak; it requires courage & strength.
- Kindness is compassion shown in considerate ways. **Actions.**
- Kindness will reward you, but cruelty will destroy you.
 - **Eph. 4:32** – “Be kind and compassionate to one another. . . .”
 - **1 Cor. 13:4** – “Love is patient; love is kind.”
 - **Col. 3:12** – “You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.
- Help one who is struggling, rushing, hurting.
- Be a friend to the lonely, to the fatherless, widow, & foreigner.
 - **Deut. 10:19** – “You also must love the foreigner, since you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.”

2. Prov. 11:24 – “One gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, only to become poor.”

- God blesses those who bless others.
- Contrast: the stingy don't make friends; hurt themselves in long run.
- ▶ **Prov. 11:25** – “A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” Blessing comes back.
 - **The only time God says test Him is this** - “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”
 - **Remember “whatever you did for the least of these”?** – “For I was hungry & you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty & you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger & you did not invite me in, I needed clothes & you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.” (Matt.25:40-45)

3. Jesus is the “light of the world” and the Enemy is prince of the darkness.

Are you a child of darkness or light?

- **John 12:36** – Jesus said: “Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.”
- **Acts 26:17-18** - Paul testified that when he was blinded on the road to Damascus, Jesus told him: “I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.”
- We’re either walking in darkness or walking in the light.

4. **Matt. 12:30** – Jesus said: “The one who is not with Me is against Me; and the one who does not gather with Me scatters.”

- **Gather or Scatter** – We’re either coming to Jesus, or walking away.
- Jesus didn’t say 3 types: with Him, against Him, “undecided.” No in between.
- We’re either **saved or lost**; Heading for Heaven/heading for Hell
- **John 3:36** – “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever rejects the Son will not see life.”

Which one are you?

♥ **Our hearts matter. Kind + generous = good hearts.**

Most important is a **good heart** that is open to God & His voice.

Song of the week – “A Good Heart” by Ernie Haase & Signature Sound