

TLC

Part One - Tenderheartedness

TLC - Tender loving care

Ezekiel 36:26

And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.

God wants to give us a tender heart.

Jeremiah 17:9

“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?”

A tender heart will be a responsive heart.

Hebrews 3:7-10

That is why the Holy Spirit says, “Today when you hear his voice, 8 don’t harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness. 9 There your ancestors tested and tried my patience, even though they saw my miracles for forty years. 10 So I was angry with them, and I said, ‘Their hearts always turn away from me. They refuse to do what I tell them.’”

James 1:22

But be sure you live out the message and do not merely listen to it and so deceive yourselves.

God wants us to have a tender heart toward Him and one another.

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted and keep a humble attitude.

Ephesians 4:32

...be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Four Things Tenderheartedness Includes

1. Unity

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you should be of one mind.

2. Sympathy

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Sympathize with each other.

Romans 12:15

Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.

3. Humility

1 Peter 3:8

Be tenderhearted and keep a humble attitude.

Quote - He who knows God will be humble. He who knows himself cannot be proud.

4. Kindness

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...be kind to each other, tender-hearted...

5. Forgiveness

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...forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Matthew 18:23-34

Once there was a king who decided to check on his servants' accounts. 24 He had just begun to do so when one of them was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. 25 The servant did not have enough to pay his debt, so the king ordered him to be sold as a slave, with his wife and his children and all that he had, in order to pay the debt. 26 The servant fell on his knees before the king. 'Be patient with me, 'he begged, 'and I will pay you everything!' 27 The king felt sorry for him, so he forgave him the debt and let

him go. 28 "Then the man went out and met one of his fellow servants who owed him a few dollars. He grabbed him and started choking him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he said. 29 His fellow servant fell down and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!' 30 But he refused; instead, he had him thrown into jail until he should pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were very upset and went to the king and told him everything. 32 So he called the servant in. 'You worthless slave!' he said. 'I forgave you the whole amount you owed me, just because you asked me to. 33 You should have had mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you.' 34 The king was very angry, and he sent the servant to jail to be punished until he should pay back the whole amount."