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“Desiring To Do Kindness”

Proverbs 19:22, **“The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.”**

The word **“desire”** means to *‘have a strong feeling or wanting to have something or wishing for something to happen.’* In the context of Proverbs 19:22, the word **“desire”** is used to indicate that of doing something good, as in wanting to help others who may not be able to help themselves.

It is far better for a man to want to help and not be able to do so than to be able to help and not do so. It is not a Godly trait to express to everyone around you, your desire to do this or to do that in the kingdom of God (the church), and then do nothing. It is otherwise known as ‘all talk and no action’. For expressing a desire, telling all what your desire is, and then not doing it is deemed to be lying.

Now, take a man (or woman) who desires within his/her heart to help and is not able to because of health or financial condition, their attitude is determined to be one of kindness. Notice the first part of verse 22, **“The desire of a man is his kindness...”** This is a desirable trait for any man or woman in that they have a strong, heart felt feeling of wanting to help or in wanting to see good happen. This Godly trait is then counted unto them as kindness which draws others to them, no matter what their social status may be.

If you have a church full of members and visitors (from every social or financial class) which truly desire to be KIND in every action they do, you will have a church where the Spirit of God abounds and others will want to be a part. The Apostle Paul said in Colossians 3:12, **“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering...”** Romans 12:10

spells it out as clearly as it can be said, **“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;...”** A man can love his neighbor with a Godly love, desiring that only good happen to him and his family, no matter how poor their health or financial condition may be.

Let us have the Godly trait of kindness and let it be a strong desire of our heart one toward another, preferring our brother before ourselves, which is highly pleasing to God. This is indeed true, and is no lie. **“Think About It!”**