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Character Trait for December is Kindness

“I expect to pass through the world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness I can show to any creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer it, for I shall not pass this way again.” - Stephen Grellet, 18th/19th-century French/American religious leader

"Men are only great as they are kind."

- Elbert Hubbard, 19th/20th-century American entrepreneur and philosopher
(founder of Roycroft)

"What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?"

- Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 18th-century French philosopher

“A kind word is like a spring day.” - Russian proverb

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." - Aesop, ancient Greek moralist

"If the world seems cold to you, kindle fires to warm it." - Lucy Larcom

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

- Edith Wharton, 19th-century American author

“Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out.” - Frank A. Clark

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” - Albert Pike, 19th-century Scottish Rite Freemason

“We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.” - Seneca, Roman statesman and author

“It is the characteristic of the magnanimous man to ask no favor but to be ready to do kindness to others.” - Aristotle, ancient Greek philosopher

“Unshared joy is an unlighted candle.” - Spanish proverb

“The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm.” - Swedish proverb

"Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace."
- Albert Schweitzer, early 20th-century German Nobel Peace Prize-winning mission doctor and theologian

“Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.” - Albert Schweitzer

“Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver.” - Barbara De Angelis

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“We cannot seek or attain health, wealth, learning, justice or kindness in general. Action is always specific, concrete, individualized, unique.” - Benjamin Jowett

“Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much.” - Blaise Pascal

“The everyday kindness of the back roads more than makes up for the acts of greed in the headlines.” - Charles Kuralt

“Kindness can become its own motive. We are made kind being kind.” - Eric Hoffer

“Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.” - Goethe

“When you carry out acts of kindness you get a wonderful feeling inside. It is as though something inside your body responds and says, yes, this is how I ought to feel.”
- Harold Kushner

“Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves.”
- James M. Barrie

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless.” - Mother Teresa

“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.” - Philo

“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.”
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Always set high value on spontaneous kindness. He whose inclination prompts him to cultivate your friendship of his own accord will love you more than one whom you have been at pains to attach to you.” - Samuel Johnson

“Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.” - - Scott Adams

“Wherever there is a human being, there is a chance for a kindness.” - Seneca

“Deeds of kindness are equal in weight to all the commandments.” - Talmud

“Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom.” - - Theodore Rubin

“When kindness has left people, even for a few moments, we become afraid of them as if their reason had left them. When it has left a place where we have always found it, it is like shipwreck; we drop from security into something malevolent and bottomless.” - Willa Cather

“The little unremembered acts of kindness and love are the best parts of a person's life.”
- William Wordsworth

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