

Waefeso 4:25-5:2

Upole ni wema si mara nyingi kutolewa kuchukuliwa, lakini inabakia kati ya Ukristo ni nini kuhusu. Sababu ya hili imesemwa wazi mwishoni mwa kifungu hiki: Mema ni mojawapo ya namna safi ya kufuata Mungu. ... Watu watumwa wa hasira na uovu wanaweza kufikiria kuwa 'huru' kuwa 'kuwa wenyewe', lakini wao ni katika utumwa. Ikiwa sisi ni alama ya uwepo wa Roho wa nafsi wanaoishi ndani yetu, fikiria jinsi huzuni hufanya Roho ikiwa tunatenda kwa njia zisizoonyesha maisha na upendo wa Mungu (N.T. Wright 2002).

Hizi ndiyo mambo unayopaswa kufanya: Sema ukweli kwa kila mmoja; kufanya uaminifu, haki, na maamuzi ya amani ndani ya malango yako. Usipangie mabaya kwa kila mmoja. Usiabudu kuapa kwa uongo, kwa maana haya yote ni vitu ambavyo mimi huchukia, asema Bwana. Zekaria 8:16-17

Jiweke kabisa chini ya ushawishi wa Yesu, hivyo anaweza kufikiri mawazo Yake katika akili yako, na kufanya kazi Yake kupitia mikono yako-kwa kuwa utakuwa na nguvu zote pamoja naye ili akuwezeshe (Mother Teresa, 1996).

Yesu alikuja kutumikia mahitaji ya kina ya maisha yetu tunapokuwa tunatoa wengine ukarimu sawa. Sisi ni wema kwa sababu Yeye ni mwema. Sisi ni waaminifu, kwa sababu Yeye ni mwaminifu nasi. Tunapendana kwa sababu sisi ni sehemu ya mwili mmoja-Yesu Kristo.

Je, utakuwa na huruma kwa nani kwa wiki hii?

Utasema nini na kufanya-kujenga jamii?

Wiki ijayo: *Waefeso 6:10-20*

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Kindness is a virtue not often enough considered, but it remains central to what Christianity is all about. The reason for this is stated clearly at the end of this passage: Kindness is one of the purest forms of the imitation of God. ... People enslaved to anger and malice may think they are 'free' to 'be themselves', but they are in bondage. If we are marked by the Spirit's personal presence living in us, think how sad it makes the Spirit if we behave in ways which don't reflect the life and love of God (N.T. Wright 2002).

These are the things you should do: Speak the truth to each other; make honest, just, and peaceable decisions within your gates. Don't plan evil for each other. Don't adore swearing falsely, for all of these are things that I hate, says the Lord. Zechariah 8:16-17

Put yourself completely under the influence of Jesus, so He may think His thoughts in your mind, and do His work through your hands—for you will be all-powerful with Him to strengthen you (Mother Teresa, 1996).

Jesus came to minister to the deep needs of our lives as we extend the same generosity to others. We're kind because He is kind. We're honest, because He is honest with us. We love one another because we are a part of one body—Jesus Christ.

To whom will you be especially kind this week?

What will you say and do—to build community?

Next week: *Ephesians 6:10-20*

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MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:

Leo: *Zaburi 18 (Mungu anakuambia nini?)*

Jumatatu: *Yohana 14:1-14*

Jumanne: *Mathayo 11:1-15*

Jumatano: *Waebrania 10: 19-25*

Alhamisi: *Mathayo 8:18-27*

Ijumaa: *Luka 5:27-39*

Jumamosi: *Yohana 12: 20-36*

Mungu Mwenye Nguvu, kama ulivyomtuma Yesu awe Nuru na Kweli, tuma sasa Roho wako juu yetu kutupa neema na nguvu ya kufuata hatua zake leo na daima. Jina la nguvu la Mwana wako, Mwokozi wetu Yesu, Amina.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Today: *Psalm 18 (What is God saying to you?)*

Monday: *John 14:1-14*

Tuesday: *Matthew 11:1-15*

Wednesday: *Hebrews 10:19-25*

Thursday: *Matthew 8:18-27*

Friday: *Luke 5:27-39*

Saturday: *John 12:20-36*

Almighty God, as You sent Jesus to be for us Light and Truth, send now Your Spirit upon us to grant us grace and strength to follow in His footsteps this day and always. In the powerful Name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus, Amen.