



# GIANT LEAP FOR MAN'S KINDNESS

**TITUS 3:1-7**

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“All I tell thee is a faint picture of reality; the filth, the closeness of the rooms, the furious manner and expressions of the women towards each other, and the abandoned wickedness, which everything bespoke are really indescribable.”

(Elizabeth Fry, as quoted in Caroline Jowett's book  
*The History of Newgate Prison*)













“Does capital punishment tend to the security of the people? By no means. It hardens the hearts of men, and makes the loss of life appear light to them; and it renders life insecure, inasmuch as the law holds out that property is of greater value than life.”

(From *Memoirs of the Life of Elizabeth Fry*,  
page 334)





“I am glad you liked what I said of Mrs. Fry. She is very unpopular with the clergy: examples of living, active virtue disturb our repose, and give birth to distressing comparisons: we long to burn her alive.”

(From Reverend Sydney Smith's letter to Lady Mary Bennet, October 1821)





“When thee builds a prison, thee had better build with the thought ever in thy mind that thee and thy children may occupy the cells.”

(From the preface of Elizabeth Fry’s Report of Paris Prisons)











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Titus 3:1-7 (ESV): “Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, **2** to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. **3** For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another....”



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“...4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”



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John 1:12 (ESV): “But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”



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Romans 2:4 (ESV): “Do you presume on the riches of his **kindness** and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s **kindness** is meant to lead you to repentance?”



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Acts 27:2 (ESV): “And Julius treated Paul **kindly** and gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for.”



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Acts 28:2 (ESV): “The native people showed us unusual **kindness**, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold.”



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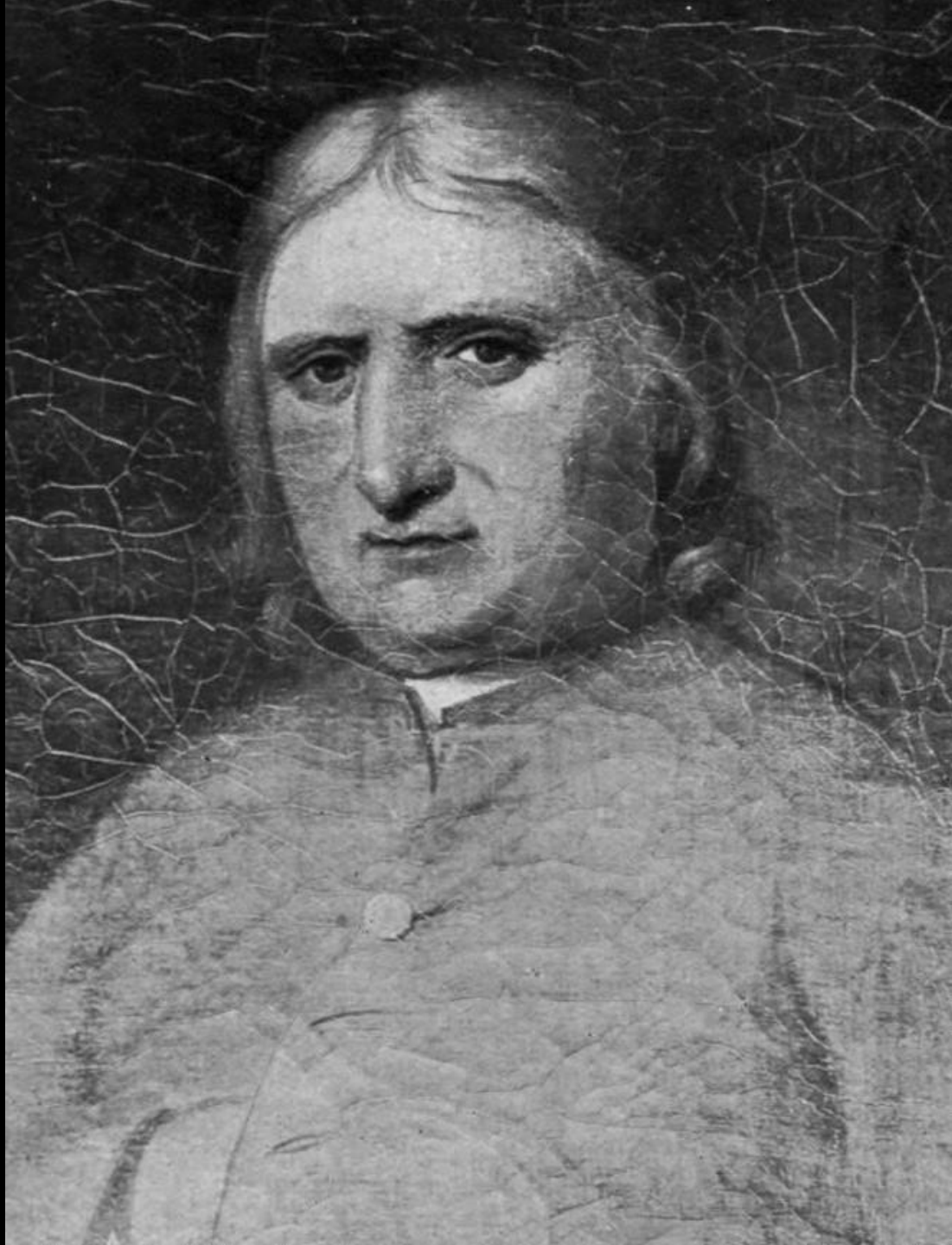




Matthew 25:40 (ESV): “Truly, I say to you,  
as you did it to one of the least of these  
my brothers, you did it to me.”



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“Providence should order thee to be my prisoner to give me my first sight of the truth. It makes me think of the [jailer’s] conversion by the apostles. Oh, happy George Fox! That first breathed the breath of life within the walls of my habitation!”

(From Thomas Sharman’s letter to George Fox, April 22, 1662)



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Ephesians 4:30-5:2 (ESV): “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. **32** Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **5:1** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. **2** And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”



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MAKE  
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Ephesians 2:7 (ESV): “In the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”



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1 John 4:7-12 (ESV): “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9** In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. **10** In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.”



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1 Corinthians 13:7-8 (ESV): “Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.”



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