

Joyful in Hope – 59 – May 26, 2020
(thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)
“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
Romans 12:12

Be Kind

A good friend who does not live in Michigan posted this today, and I thought it was worth sharing with you all. The principles behind these statements apply to our lives, even when we're not dealing with a pandemic. We need to be less judgmental. We need to cut some slack. We need to put ourselves in the other persons' shoes. We need to be kind.

As things are starting to open up, thought it was time to share this. Please, before you're tempted to criticize or belittle someone whose views differ from your own, consider the following.

Just a thought... As we are trying to figure out how to ease back in to a new normal, please keep in mind that no one has ever done this before, so please remember:

Some people don't agree with businesses opening... that's okay. Be kind.

Some people are still planning to stay home... that's okay. Be kind.

Some are still scared of getting the virus and a second wave happening... that's okay. Be kind.

Some are sighing with relief to go back to work knowing they may not lose their business or their homes... that's okay. Be kind.

Some are thankful they can finally have that surgery they have put off... that's okay. Be kind.

Some will be able to attend interviews after weeks without a job... that's okay. Be kind.

Some will wear masks for weeks... maybe even months... that's okay. Be kind.

Some people will rush out to get their hair or nails done... that's okay. Be kind.

The point is, everyone has different viewpoints/feelings and that's okay. Be kind.

We each have a different story. If you need to stay home, stay home. But be kind.

If you need to go out, just respect others when in public and be kind!

Don't judge fellow humans for what they do or don't do.... you don't know their story. We all are in a different mental state than we were months ago. So, remember, be kind.

Prayers, please.

- Kim is home! Long recovery ahead, but, praise God, she is home.
 - Phoung is going to have a procedure done to help her digest her food easier, so that she can proceed with her cancer treatment. Pray that she can get stronger.
 - Gary Welch's Urologist, is keeping him in the hospital for a couple more days. Pray that he'll continue to improve.
 - Tim Brimer continues to see doctors to try and discover what kind of treatment he needs. He is confused but in less pain. Pray for answers.
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Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.
Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen and Amen.

Psalm 72:18,19