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Gracious & full of compassion <i>Psalm 111:4, 116:5, 145:8</i>	Being kind to the needy <i>Proverbs 14:31</i> Showing mercy & compassion <i>Psalm 112:4, Zechariah 7:9, Luke 6:36</i>
Sacrificial love <i>1 John 4:10, Ephesians 5:2 and 25</i>	Loving one another in deed and in truth <i>John 13:34, 15:13; 1 John 3:18, 4:11</i>
Just <i>Psalm 11:7, 37:28, 45:6-7, 99:4, 146:6-7</i>	Seeking justice <i>Isaiah 1:17</i> Doing justice for the poor and oppressed <i>Psalm 82:3, Jeremiah 22:3, Zechariah 7:9</i> Not oppressing widows, orphans, foreigners, the poor <i>Zechariah 7:10, James 2:6</i> Speaking up, judging righteously <i>Proverbs 31:9</i>
Defender <i>Deuteronomy 10:18, Psalm 68:5, 146:9</i>	Defending the cause of orphans and widows <i>Isaiah 1:17, James 1:27</i> Defending the afflicted and needy, the weak and fatherless <i>Proverbs 31:9, Psalm 82:3</i>
Rescuer <i>Jeremiah 20:13</i>	Rescuing those being led to death, holding back those staggering to slaughter <i>Proverbs 24:11</i> Redeeming the needy from oppression and violence <i>Psalm 72:14</i>
Deliverer <i>Psalm 35:10</i>	Delivering the poor and helpless from evil people <i>Psalm 82:4, Jeremiah 22:3</i>

for our neighbors (*Leviticus 19:18, Mt. 22:37-40, Romans 13:8-10, Gal. 5:14*). Sharing the Good News not only imitates God's goodness but also demonstrates our love for Him and for mankind.

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