

“Behold” NAS95; “See then” NAS20; consider” ASV; “Note” ESV

“**Kindness** AND **Severity** of God” ... Opposites Rom 11:22

Two men describe God ...

Ps136- all 26v!; over 120 times in Ps! Jn 3:16

1) Kind, loving, good, tender, kind, merciful ... Scriptures? **YES!**

2) God hard, tough, intolerant ... Scriptures? **YES!**

- Moses **Num 20:12** “you shall not bring this assembly into the land”
- K,D,A **Num 16:27-33** “the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men”
- N&A **Lev 10** “fire came out from the presence of the LORD”

Q: Either man understand God? ... or Caricature?

Caricature

Exaggerate ears...nose...teeth

... or ...

Character

balance (e.g. sharpen knife)

to reflect God's character **Col 3:10**

Love ... Hate

Love **Mt 22:39** ... Hate **Ps 139:21-22 (19) ... 23-24!**

God kind **Mt 5:45,48** ... Not kind **Rom 11:20-22**

God abhors wicked **Ps 5:4-6**

Jam 4:4 (3:14,26; 4:1-2,6)

2Ch 19:2 ... 18:1-3

Caricature...?

Love yourself ... Deny yourself

Love yourself Eph 5:28-29

Deny yourself Lk 9:23-24

Caricature...?

Gentle ... Bold

Gentle **2Ti 2:25**

Bold Mt 23:13f

Caricature...?

Self Effort ... God Dependent
In the World ... Not of the World
Humility ... Confidence
Consider Others ... Not Serve Men
Longsuffering ... Intolerance of Sin

Caricature...?

Improper balance ... virtues to vices

Contend ———> Contentious

Love Self ———> Selfishness

Meek ———> milque toast **2Tim 1:7**

Confidence ———> Conceit

Challenge! **Php 3:12-15**