

The Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness

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1. Our problem with gentleness.

- Far too many people equate gentleness with weakness.
- We think, “If I’m gentle; someone may take advantage of me.”
- We think, “If I’m gentle; what will people think of me?”

2. Jesus is the picture and reality of perfect gentleness.

- The Messiah is portrayed and predicted to be gentle. Is. 42:3
- We have many examples of Jesus being gentle. John 4 & 8, Luke 2 & 19
- Jesus invited us to enter into his gentleness. Matthew 11:29-30

3. Our practice of gentleness:

- Paul commanded us to walk in all gentleness. Ephesians 4:2
- The difficulty of gentleness is that gentleness is developed when we are in trials and difficulties.
- Gentleness refers to the way we receive the word of God with humility and gentleness. Meaning you don’t fight the Lord’s teaching in your life. James 1:21
- The Holy Spirit will produce it but you must release it.

Application:

- Have you repented from taking pleasure in pointing out others mistakes, flaws or faux pas?
- How will you become gentle in the way you receive God’s word this week?
- How will I seek to be a gentle person who speaks the truth in ways others can receive?