

Sermon: Gentleness

Text: I Peter 3:15-16 ESV

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Introduction: Some may view certain aspects of the fruit of the Spirit ([Galatians 5:22-23](#)) as signs of weakness. Nothing could be more wrong. “Gentleness” is a strength. It is a great asset - not a weakness. It is certainly a personal quality that God values.

I. What is _____?

- A. It is something God _____.
- B. Jesus provides us an _____.
- C. Gentleness _____ to the end of time.

II. How Is Gentleness _____?

- A. Gentleness helps not to _____ others.
- B. Gentleness may _____ people to the Church.

III. How Can I Be More Gentle?

- A. Focus on others’ _____ ahead of my own.
- B. Gentleness is an _____ quality not passive.

Conclusion: Certainly loving God is commendable, but it also must be coupled with our love of others. Listen to Paul as he speaks for God to the churches in Asia: [Ephesians 4:1-3 ESV](#) 1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Galatians 5:22-23 ESV

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

Matthew 11:29 ESV

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 21:5 ESV

5 “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble (gentle, NIV; Greek, πραυς, meek), and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

Matthew 5:5 ESV

5 “Blessed are the meek (gentle), for they shall inherit the earth.

Philippians 4:5 ESV

5 Let your reasonableness[gentleness] be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;