



Welcome!

December 9, 2018

“If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!”

-John 8:36

Nursery (up to 2 years) is available during the entire service.
Kids (3 years old through Kindergarten) are dismissed after music.

Our Worship Gathering

Welcome and Call to Worship

Worship

Build Your Kingdom Here

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Mighty to Save

Offering & Announcements

Dismiss for KidzKorner

Preparatory Worship

Prepare the Way

Prayer

Message: “A Fruitful Life: Gentleness”

Pastor Scott

Closing Song

Living Hope

Prayer

Please join us for fellowship and food in the foyer.

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Prayer Matters

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (NLT)

Families

Craig & Melissa
John

Berean Church

Marysville Berean Church; Marysville, KS (Joel & Ellen)

LEAD Team

Scott & Lyndsey, Trent & Caryn, Ray & Rosi, Rebecca, Jerry, Ted & Judy

Other

Season of Advent
Micah Tice - Missing AFA Cadet Candidate

Upcoming Events:

12/12: Fellowship Dinner @6:30 pm

No Wednesday meetings on 12/19 or 12/26

12/24 (Monday): Christmas Eve Service (Combined with FaithCov); 6 pm

1/13/2019: Freedom Church Family Meeting after worship gathering

1/20: Guests-Scott & Di Mathis; President-Berean Fellowship

Announcements:

*Are you receiving the weekly emails from Pastor Scott? If not, let him know and he will add you to the list.

*You can also give online (www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com) or through the FC mobile app (App Store & Google Play)

Sermon Notes: GENTLENESS

“Perhaps no grace is less prayed for, or less cultivated than gentleness. Indeed it is considered rather as belonging to natural disposition or external manners, than as a Christian virtue; and seldom do we reflect that not to be gentle is sin.”-George Bethune

Webster’s 1828: “Softness of manners; mildness of temper; sweetness of disposition; meekness.”

Psalm 18:35

“Your gentleness made me great.” (ESV, KJV)

“You stoop down to make me great.” (NIV84)

Christ’s Gentleness

2 Corinthians 10:1

Matthew 11:28-30

Yoke (Acts 15:10-11)

Treating Others Gently

Seek to make others feel at ease, or restful, in our presence

Demonstrate respect for the personal dignity of the other person

Avoid blunt speech and an abrupt manner

Tactful in telling truth

Do not degrade, belittle, or gossip about the brother or sister who falls into sin

Gentleness with difficult people

People who disagree with us.

Matthew 21:12-13; respond under control, with gentleness

Proverbs 15:1-“A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.”

People who correct us.

Colossians 3:19, 21; 1 Peter 3:4

People who let us down.

Galatians 6:1

Application

1. Decide it is a trait we want to develop
2. Ask those who know us to be honest with us about our gentleness
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to make us aware of situations where we are not gentle
4. Cultivate Gentleness in your relationships.

Marriage	Family	Work
Finances	God	Friends
Church	Neighbors	Self

Gentleness/Meekness: look to the Holy Spirit when you are angry, knowing you may have embraced unrealistic expectations.

Do I stay flexible and thoughtful when my expectations are not met?

Questions for further study:¹

What is the difference between meekness and gentleness?

Read Numbers 12:1-15

- Why were Miriam and Aaron upset with their brother Moses?
- What was implied by their questions?
- With God's opinion of Moses stated in vv. 6-9, how could Moses have responded to his siblings' criticism?
- Have you ever been in a situation like Moses where you had the upper hand? How did you respond?
- What aspects of gentleness and meekness do we see in Moses' reactions in this passage?

Read Matthew 11:28-30

- What does Jesus invite us to do? What does He promise?
- What attitudes of the head and heart are involved in coming to Jesus in this way?
- Note how Jesus described himself. What's the difference between being gentle and humble in heart and being spinelessly submissive?
- How can we learn meekness from Jesus' example?

Read the following verses and discuss the areas mentioned in which we are called to live with gentleness and humility.

- Galatians 6:1
- 2 Timothy 2:24-25
- James 1:21
- 1 Peter 3:3-4
- 1 Peter 3:15

¹ Questions adapted from "The Fruit of the Spirit" by Stuart Briscoe