

Character Matters: Nine Virtues of Those Who Belong to Jesus

Gentleness: Using Power to Serve Others

Galatians 5:23

The Lord's Day Morning

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The First Seven Virtues

1. **Love:** Choosing to say and do that which serves the ultimate best interest of another person, even when it requires self-sacrifice.
2. **Joy:** Contemplating the over-arching circumstance of God's love for me, trusting in his promises, and seeking my happiness in the happiness of others.
3. **Peace:** Guarding my internal calm by total surrender to God's will for me in every area of life and doing all I can to be reconciled to other people.
4. **Patience:** Staying calm when others do not do what I want them to do, so that I take Biblically informed action in their best interest.
5. **Kindness:** Being ready to help anyone, mindful that everyone is fragile and that God is always ready to help me.
6. **Goodness:** Giving generously and wisely to others that which I have been given by God.
7. **Faithfulness:** Telling the truth and keeping my promises, so that I become a person people can rely on.

What Is Gentleness?

Using the power God gives me to strongly and humbly serve others, helping them know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ.

How to Pursue Gentleness:

1. Knowledge: _____ the Bible so you don't get pushed around.
2. Humility: _____ people up because you have been lifted up.
3. Courtesy: _____ the people who disagree with you.