

The Fruit of the Spirit

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But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: **GENTLENESS** – Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

Let me teach you, because I am humble and **GENTLE** at heart... – Matthew 11:29 (NLT)

**Gentleness isn't weakness.
It's the godly control of strength and power.**

How do we cultivate the fruit of Gentleness?

Only fight battles _____!

Avoiding a fight is a mark of honor; only fools insist on quarreling. – Proverbs 20:3 (NLT)

**Intelligence is walking away from fights you can't win.
Gentleness is walking away from those you CAN!**

Lead by _____, not _____!

Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.
Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.
– 1 Peter 5:2-3 (NLT)

Protect the _____ of others!

When we _____ others.

When we are _____ over others.

When we _____ others.

Never withhold _____.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. **Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love...** – Colossians 3:13-14 (NIV)

For Personal/Family Reflection:

What are some of the ways God has given you “power”? How have you had to be “gentle” with that power?

What are some of the things you've fought over that you know now just weren't worth it? Why do you think you did?

Who is someone who has been gentle in the way they have led or handled you?

Who is God asking you to forgive today?