



THE Fruit OF THE Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

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

GENTLENESS

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Gentleness

- In the Greek- prautes- which means mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit, meekness.
- Sweetness of disposition, kindness of behavior, a strong hand with a soft touch.
- To submit ones strength in a posture of humility before God and before others.

Gentleness

- Gentleness/meekness is not weakness.
- Pseudo gentleness- effeminate behavior which is accepted as a worldview but not a biblical perspective. Apathy and cowardice.
- Real gentleness is born out of real power.

Isaiah 40:10,15

Vs. 10- See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm.

Vs. 15- Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.

Isaiah 40:25-26

To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Isaiah 40:11

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Psalm 18:35

- NASB, NKJ, ESV: Your gentleness has made me great.
- Some say: You stooped down to lift me up.
- Billy Graham “Gentleness is being careful to never be unfeeling for others.”

A.W. Tozer

“The meek man is not a human mouse afflicted with a sense of his own inferiority. Rather he may be in his moral life as bold as a lion and as strong as Samson; but he has stopped being fooled about himself. He has accepted God’s estimate of his own life. He knows he is as weak and helpless as God declared him to be, but paradoxically, he knows at the same time that he is in the sight of God of more importance than angels. In himself, nothing in God, everything. This is gentleness personified.”

The gentle care of Jesus

- Woman caught in adultery
- Sons of thunder
- **Matt 12:20** Bruised reeds and smoldering wicks
- Samaritan Woman
- Nicodemus
- Peter

1 Peter 3:15

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Titus 3:2 Always be gentle to everyone.

Ephesians 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle.

Philippians 4:5 Let your gentleness be evident to all.

George Bethune

“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.”



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