

The Fruit of Gentleness

Text: 1st Peter 3:15-16: 1st Timothy 6:10

The good news is that we all, all of us, who are Christians can grow in the fruit of gentleness. Gentleness doesn't come naturally. Gentleness is divine. Ref: Isaiah 40:11; Isaiah 42:3; 2nd Cor. 10:1; 1st Peter 3:15, 16

We must let Christ be our Lord. As a disciple or follower of Jesus Christ, we must imitate our Master.

Humility and obedience go well together. Ref: Numbers 12:3

Gentleness is not high on the list of attributes American males aspire to display.

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Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Philippians 4:5

We can rest in His power and make Jesus the Lord of Our Entire Life.

Being Spirit Filled Believers, We Are Strong, and We can Afford to Be Gentle.

When we truly know in our hearts what we know and how we know it, we are not compelled to always try to prove something.

When people see your gentle spirit and inquire about the peace that you have in your life, be prepared by the study of God's Word to tell them respectfully about Jesus.

Gentleness is rooted in confidence. Not in defensiveness or in insecurity. Ref: Phil 1:6; 1st Peter 3:13-14

Gentleness and respect are inseparable.

For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. 1st Timothy 6:10-11

We cannot preserve what we do not respect. Gentleness and respect are inexorably connected.

Keeping a clear conscience, so that those speaking maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 1st Peter 3:16

In matters of conscience, someone with something to hide, characteristically charges someone else with it.

For if we confess our sins He is just and faithful and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1st John 1:9

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

Insecure people consistently put others down to build others up.

The Holy Spirit is bringing his fruit to maturity in the church. He enables the spiritually sensitive person to act out in love. Ref: Eph. 4:2-3.

When we progressively submit to Christ, when Christ is allowed to be in charge, when self is broken, the baptized born-again, spirit filled individual cultivates a fruit life and a legacy is created.