

The Fruit of God

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness
and self-control.

What is "Gentleness"?

How important is it?

Why is it in the top 9 descriptors for what God wants to do in us?

Toward Other Believers

Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Toward Believers in Sin

Galatians 6:1 (ESV)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Toward Opposing Unbelievers

1 Peter 3:15-16 (ESV)

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

Toward Opposing Unbelievers

2 Timothy 2:24-26 (ESV)

24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

Toward All People

Titus 3:1–2 (ESV)

1 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

Toward the Word (God)

James 1:21 (ESV)

21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Jesus ALWAYS expressed Holy Spirit
gentleness. What does that teach us about
gentleness?

Gentleness is:

Gentleness is not:

Do you earnestly desire to be someone who
expresses Holy Spirit gentleness?

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