

# Blessed: Attitude #3 - Live With Powerful Gentleness!

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**Matthew 5:5**, *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

SYNONYMS: Meekness - patience, long-suffering, gentleness, mildness, peacefulness, forbearance.

**Galatians 5:22**, *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

Michael Wilkins - "The 'gentle' or meek are those who are powerful, but who have the maturity and grace to use their power for constructive rather than destructive purposes."

Andrew Murray - "Christ is the humility of God embodied in human nature; the Eternal Love humbling Itself, clothing Itself in the garb of meekness and gentleness, to win and serve and save us."

Charles Spurgeon - "The Lord is slow to anger," because He is GREAT IN POWER. He is truly great in power Who hath power over Himself."

Warren Wiersbe - "Meekness is power under control."

Stuart Weber - "Gentleness is strength under control"

**-Meekness/Gentleness Is CONTROLLED Strength And Power**

**How Gentleness Improves My Life:**

**1 - Gentleness Makes Me MORE LIKE JESUS**

**Matthew 11:28**, *"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find **rest for your souls**."*

## **2 - Gentleness Neutralizes My ENEMIES**

**2 Timothy 2:24**, *And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. 25 Opponents must be **gently instructed**, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth.*

**1 Corinthians 4:12**, *We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; 13 when we are slandered, **we answer kindly**.*

**Titus 2:6**, *Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. 7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness 8 and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.*

## **3 - Gentleness Increases My INFLUENCE**

**Proverbs 16:21**, *The wise in heart are called discerning, and **gracious words** promote instruction.*

**Proverbs 11:16**, *A kindhearted woman **gains honor**, but ruthless men gain only wealth.*

## **4 - Gentleness Reduces CONFLICT In My Life**

**Proverbs 15:1**, *A **gentle** answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

**Ecclesiastes 10:4**, *If a ruler's anger rises against you, do not leave your post; **calmness** can lay great offenses to rest.*

**Colossians 3:12**, *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, **gentleness** and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

## 5 - Gentleness Improves My LOOKS

**1 Timothy 6:11**, *But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and **gentleness**.*

**1 Peter 3:3**, *Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a **gentle** and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.*

## 6 - Gentleness Publicizes My LOVE FOR OTHERS

**Colossians 3:19**, *Husbands, love your wives and **do not be harsh with them**.*

**Ephesians 6:4**, *Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the **training and instruction** of the Lord.*

## 7 - Gentleness Improves My Witness To SKEPTICS AND UNBELIEVERS

**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 3:1**, *Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, 2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be **gentle** toward everyone.*

## Putting This Message Into Practice This Week:

- If Someone Fails Me, I Won't Be Hypercritical Or Judgmental  
(Galatians 6:1; Ephesians. 4:32)
- If Someone Opposes Or Argues With Me, I Will Be Kindhearted And Calm  
(Romans 14:1-4)
- If Someone Is Serving Me, I Won't Be Difficult Or Demanding  
(Philippians 2:1-4)
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