

Fresh Fruit Part 9 - Sunday

October 30, 2022

Gentleness!

Galatians 5:22-23

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

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

Psalms 37:11, *But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.*

1 Timothy 6:11, *...pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.*

Why Be Gentle?

- GOD Is Gentle With Us

Psalms 18:35, *You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great. (ESV)*

- Gentleness Shows We Are in Step With the SPIRIT

Galatians 5:25, *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

- 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. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

- Gentleness Makes Our Church BETTER

Ephesians 4:1, *As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

- Gentleness Is How We Want Others to TREAT US

Matthew 7:12, *So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.*

When Should I Be Gentle?

1. When in CONFLICT With Others

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

James 1:19, *My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.*

2. When CORRECTING Others

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,*

3. When RESTORING Others After a Sin

Galatians 6:1, *Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch*

yourselves, or you also may be tempted. 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

4. When DEFENDING Your Faith

1 Peter 3:15, *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. 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,*