

## Becoming a Gentle Giant

### Part 1: Defining Gentleness

#### A. What Gentleness Is Not:

1. Gentleness is not \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Gentleness/Meekness is not \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. What Gentleness Is:

1. Gentleness is \_\_\_\_\_ under \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Gentleness is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of power but the \_\_\_\_\_ of power.
3. Gentleness means choosing your \_\_\_\_\_ to people.
4. Gentleness is a mark of true \_\_\_\_\_.

### Part 2: Practicing Gentleness

Philippians 4:5

*Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.*

1. With Those You \_\_\_\_\_ with:
  - a. The home is the laboratory of \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Peter 3:4-5, 7

*Instead, 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. <sup>5</sup>For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, <sup>7</sup>Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*

- b. Gentleness is an \_\_\_\_\_ attribute.
2. With Those Who \_\_\_\_\_ You:

Galatians 6:1-2

*Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

- a. We set ourselves up for Satan's attack in our own areas of weakness the moment we begin to \_\_\_\_\_ others.
- b. Gentleness is the opposite of \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 14:1

*Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.*

Romans 15:7

*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*

- c. The more you understand God's \_\_\_\_\_ to you, the \_\_\_\_\_ you become to others.
3. With Those Who \_\_\_\_\_ with You:
  - a. How you handle the \_\_\_\_\_ is a test of who has a handle on you.
  - b. In a disagreement you can \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ with gentleness.
  - c. Responding in gentleness is learning to be \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 15:1

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

James 3:16-17

*For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.*

d. Gentleness in the face of disagreement is a qualification for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2 Timothy 2:24-25

*And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. <sup>25</sup>Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,*

4. When Someone \_\_\_\_\_ You:

James 1:19

*My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,*

Proverbs 13:18

*He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.*

a. Gentleness is being easily teachable and not easily \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 5:5

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

b. Gentleness is having the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ when you are wrong.

c. Gentleness is key to \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:21

*Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.*

5. When Someone \_\_\_\_\_ You:

a. Gentleness is learning to be an \_\_\_\_\_ and not a \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Peter 2:23

*When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.*

1. Reacting to hurts is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Reacting to hurts reveals spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Reacting to hurts is admitting that your offender is also your \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 16:32

*Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.*

b. Gentleness is the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ without striking back.

6. When Someone \_\_\_\_\_ Differently:

a. Gentleness is about learning to \_\_\_\_\_ people and not \_\_\_\_\_ people.

b. Gentleness is about \_\_\_\_\_ people without \_\_\_\_\_ of their lifestyle.

1 Peter 3:15

*But in your hearts set apart 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,*

c. Gentleness in evangelism is about \_\_\_\_\_ people to Christ as opposed to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ on people.