

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. ⁵For 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, ⁷Husbands, 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. ²Carry 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. ¹⁷But 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. ²⁵Those 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.