




# The Fruit Of The Spirit

Gentleness



# What is Gentleness?

- ▶ The quality of being kind, tender, or mild-mannered
  - ▶ Softness of action or effect
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# Do We Need Gentleness?

- ▶ It is a fruit of the Spirit Gal 5:22-23
- ▶ Paul commands Timothy to pursue it 1 Tim 6:11
- ▶ Paul commands the Ephesians to have it Eph 4:1-3

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# Different Types Of Gentleness

- ▶ Gentleness in our teaching
- ▶ Gentleness with brethren
- ▶ Gentleness with those around us
- ▶ Gentleness of God



# Gentleness In Our Teaching

- ▶ What is this type of gentleness?
  - ▶ Correcting opponents 2 Tim 2:22-25
  - ▶ In defense of the gospel 1 Pet 3:13-17
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ Timothy 1 Tim 6:3-11
  - ▶ Paul 1 Thes 2:1-8
- ▶ Contrast:
  - ▶ The Pharisees Matt 12:9-14



# Gentleness With Brethren

- ▶ What is this type of gentleness?
  - ▶ Bearing each other's burdens Gal 6:1-3
  - ▶ Being united Eph 4:1-6
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ Paul 2 Cor 10:1-4, 1 Cor 4:14-21
- ▶ Contrast:
  - ▶ The brethren James writes to Jam 4:1-4
  - ▶ Simon the Pharisee Luke 7:36-50



# Gentleness With Those Around Us

- ▶ What is this type of gentleness?
  - ▶ Having a good reputation 1 Tim 3:1-7
  - ▶ Courteous to all people Tit 3:1-7
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ Servants 1 Pet 2:18-20
  - ▶ Wives 1 Pet 3:1-6
  - ▶ Jesus Matt 11:25-30
- ▶ Contrast:
  - ▶ The Pharisees John 9:24-34
  - ▶ The lawyer, priest, and Levite Luke 10:25-37



# Gentleness of God



- ▶ What is this type of gentleness?
  - ▶ Makes us great in his service 2 Sam 22:32-36
  - ▶ Being the sacrifice for us Jer 11:18-20
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ Jesus John 19:16-30
  - ▶ Paul Phi 3:2-11
- ▶ Contrast:
  - ▶ The devil 1 Pet 5:6-9