

# Cultivating Gentleness

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5 (NKJV)

Galatians 5:22,23 - Here is what the \_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_ in me.

## Understanding The Concept Of Gentleness

- A. "Gentleness" is the opposite of \_\_\_\_\_, the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ talk that we might hear from a professional \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. What does this word mean?
1. The KJV has " \_\_\_\_\_ ", but not what we think of today.
  2. In Greek it was used of \_\_\_\_\_ that had been \_\_\_\_\_. Barclay calls it " \_\_\_\_\_ under \_\_\_\_\_ ".
- C. Christ, the greatest example of *praus* (gentleness):
1. Matthew 5:5 - He taught that the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Matthew 11:29 - He described Himself as \_\_\_\_\_ and lowly in \_\_\_\_\_. Though \_\_\_\_\_, He'll not turn us away.
  3. Matthew 21:5 - Jesus didn't ride a \_\_\_\_\_ (a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_), but He rode a \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. 2 Corinthians 10:1 - Paul \_\_\_\_\_ to them by the \_\_\_\_\_ and gentleness of Christ.
  5. 1 Corinthians 4:21 - Did they prefer a \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_ of gentleness?

## Why Gentleness Is Needed In Each Christian Life

- A. How gentleness will make a difference:
1. James 1:19-21 - Instead of being \_\_\_\_\_ upon hearing God's word, we must \_\_\_\_\_ it with \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Galatians 6:1 - We are to \_\_\_\_\_ those who are in \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ of gentleness.
  3. 2 Timothy 2:24,25 - When dealing with those who are in \_\_\_\_\_ we must \_\_\_\_\_ them in \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. Ephesians 4:1-3 - Only when we have \_\_\_\_\_ can we hope to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. James 3:13,14 - "Actions \_\_\_\_\_ louder than \_\_\_\_\_" is what James is teaching here.
- B. The hammer could \_\_\_\_\_ a car, but it could also \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ without damaging the meat.

Luke 15:28 - The \_\_\_\_\_ showed gentleness by coming out to \_\_\_\_\_ with his son.

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