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Galatians 5:19–21

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



Galatians 5:22–23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law...



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Spirit-produced Gentleness is the posture of action governed by love.



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Mark 12:31

³¹ And the second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”



1 Corinthians 13:4-7

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.



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God has set us free to do the right thing in the right way.



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James 5:17 “But the wisdom from above is first pure, the peaceable, **gentle**, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.”



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1 Thessalonians 2:6-8 “We did not seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were **gentle** among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.”



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3. Gentleness should shine when we restore stumbling brothers and sisters.



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Galatians 6:1 “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a **spirit of gentleness.**”



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4. Gentleness should shine in our apologetics.



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1 Peter 3:15-16 “But in your hearts, honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with **gentleness and respect**, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.”



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5. Gentleness should shine as the ambition of every Christian.



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1 Timothy 6:11 “But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, **gentleness.**”



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Gentleness should season our...

- ❖ Personal Conflict
- ❖ Disciple-making
- ❖ Restoring Stumbling Brothers & Sisters
- ❖ Defending the Faith
- ❖ Top Virtues to Pursue



Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am **gentle** and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



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“In the one place in the Bible where the Son of God pulls back the veil and lets us peer way down into the core of who he is, we are not told that he is ‘austere and demanding in heart.’ We are not told that he is ‘exalted and dignified in heart.’ We are not even told that he is ‘joyful and generous in heart.’ Letting Jesus set the terms, his surprising claim is that he is **‘gently and lowly in heart.’**”

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“But all Christian toil flows from fellowship with a living Christ whose transcending, defining reality is: gentle and lowly. He astounds and sustains us with his endless kindness. Only as we walk ever deeper into his tender kindness can we live the Christian life as the New Testament calls us to. Only as we drink down the kindness of the heart of Christ will we leave in our wake, everywhere we go, the aroma of heaven, and die one day having startled the world with glimpses of a divine kindness too great to be boxed in by what we deserve.”

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