



The Fruit of the Spirit #8 = Gentleness

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Introduction: Paul boldly urges the churches of Galatia to walk by the Spirit. He warns them about the works of the flesh and then identifies the fruit of the Spirit. Let's consider some things about gentleness

Discussion:

I. We Learn Gentleness From Our Savior

II Corinthians 10:1 says, "'I, Paul, am begging you with the gentleness and the kindness of Christ.'" (NCV)

- * Jesus' Gentleness Is Seen in His Humble Spirit
- * Jesus' Gentleness Is Seen in His Forgiving Nature
- * Jesus' Gentleness Is Seen in His Servant Heart

II. We Learn Gentleness From Our Father

Colossians 3:12 says, " God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So you should always clothe yourselves with mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." (NCV)

- * God's Gentleness Calls Us To Live a Holy Life
- * God's Gentleness Challenges Us To Live a High Calling
- * God's Gentleness Convicts Us To Live an Honorable Lifestyle

III. We Learn Gentleness From Our Family

Philippians 4:5-7 says, "Let everyone see that you are gentle and kind. The Lord is coming soon. Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (NCV)

- * God's Family Should Be Led By Gentle Shepherds
- * God's Family Should Be Led By Gentle Deacons & Evangelists
- * God's Family Should Be Led By Gentle Disciples

IV. The World Learns Gentleness From the Children of God

Colossians 3:17-25 says, "Everything you do or say should be done to obey Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus. Wives, yield to the authority of your husbands, because this is the right thing to do in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and be gentle with them. Children, obey your parents in all things, because this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not nag your children. If you are too hard to please, they may want to stop trying. Slaves, obey your masters in all things. Do not obey just when they are watching you, to gain their favor, but serve them honestly, because you respect the Lord. In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people. Remember that you will receive your reward from the Lord, which he promised to his people. You are serving the Lord Christ. But remember that anyone who does wrong will be punished for that wrong, and the Lord treats everyone the same." (NCV)

- * Gentleness Should Be In Our Home
- * Gentleness Should Be In Our Workplace
- * Gentleness Should Be In Our Relationships

Conclusion: We need to re-evaluate what we are doing, why we are doing it, and how it is improving our life. Paul hopes that we will live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit! It's time to bear fruit! Are you ready to obey God's will? Are you ready to show gentleness?

WORD OF THE DAY = "GENTLENESS"