

The fruit of the Spirit is ... gentleness (Galatians 5:22-23)

Introduction

- How does the world view gentleness?
- How should Christians view it?

i What is gentleness?

- What are some other ways to translate the Greek word used here?
- What does the Greek word πραΰτης (prautes) mean when it is used concerning our relationship with God?
- Who is a good biblical example of that?
- How do you react when things go wrong?
- What does the Greek word πραΰτης (prautes) mean when it is used concerning our relationship with other people?
- What actually is gentleness?
- So what will you be like if you are gentle?
- Who is a good biblical example of that?
- In what area does I Peter 3:15 command gentleness?
- What are we to aim at in our sharing of the gospel?
- In what area does Galatians 6:1 command gentleness?
- What is the easy way to react then?
- In what other areas should Christians be gentle?

## ii Where do we see gentleness?

- What does Matthew 12:18-21 say about Jesus?
- What do the bruised reed and the smouldering wick stand for?
- What examples of Jesus' gentleness do we see in the Gospels?
- How does that apply to us today?
- What does Jesus do in his gentleness in Matthew 11:28-30?
- What should you do if you are not a Christian?

## iii How do we get gentleness?

- How do we cultivate spiritual fruit in general?
- What does the old acronym JOY stand for?
- Is this helpful?
- How will this help us to cultivate gentleness?

## iv Why do we need gentleness?

- What does Matthew 5:5 say about the gentle?
- When will this happen?
- Why should this motivate us to be gentle now?

## Conclusion

- Will you bring a harvest of righteousness to the Lord?