

Gentleness by the Holy Spirit

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Results of the Holy Spirit Working

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **gentleness**, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT2)

Illustrations of Gentleness



Gentleness

...I am humble and gentle at heart...
Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT2)

Gentleness in Action

...He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle...Matthew 12:17-21 (NLT2)

This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah concerning him: "Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, who pleases me. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not fight or shout or raise his voice in public. He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. Finally he will cause justice to be victorious. And his name will be the hope of all the world."
Matthew 12:17-21 (NLT2)

Application

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Galatians 6:1 (NLT2)

Gentleness Acts Appropriately

“Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father’s house into a marketplace!”
John 2:14-16 (NLT2)

In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money. Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers’ coins over the floor, and turned over their tables. Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, “Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father’s house into a marketplace!” John 2:14-16 (NLT2)

Spirit-Produced Gentleness

- Gentleness flows from the inner person.
- Gentleness overpowers quarrelsomeness.
- Gentleness uses power appropriately for good.
- Gentleness is intentionally involved.
- Gentleness glorifies God.

Testing Spirit-Produced Gentleness in Real Life

Frustrated with people (Gentleness remains)

Using authority (Gentleness remains)

Negotiating deals (Gentleness remains)

Correcting errors (Gentleness remains)

Adjusting attitudes (Gentleness remains)

Steps to Spirit-Generated Gentleness

Repent

Reconnect

Rethink

Release

Realign