

“GENTLENESS”

Series: Nurturing Our Walk in the Spirit

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We are on a quest to be better acquainted with how the Holy Spirit desires to reshape us, now that we have been made new. Spiritual Maturity, well-producing tree, produces snapshots of Jesus in a corrupt, self-centered world.

Today, we come to Gentleness, the probably most overlooked dimension of the Spirit's Fruit. Gentleness is extremely important not only for how it behaves, but because what is required to bear it.

Jesus illustrates how Gentleness is so _____

¹³ Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” ¹⁶ He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” ¹⁷ “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” John 4:24

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ “First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.” ²⁸ “Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.” ²⁹ Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Mark 7:24-30

But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:20-23

The Fruit of Gentleness begins when we _____
when we naturally are Gentle.

Gentleness requires a continual _____ of how
life in the Kingdom Really is.

- In the Kingdom... Jesus, is Lord and I am _____.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, **who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:** ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

- As His Servant, I must never lose sight that I am _____
without Him.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, **to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” Romans 12:1

- As His Servant, I am to cooperate with the Spirit's
_____ of my perspective on others.

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” John 3:3

Conclusion:

Gentleness comes when we SEE correctly!

All Scriptures are from the New International Version Bible. You may comment or ask Bro. Tony questions about this message at: brotony@itawambachristianchurch.org