

## *The Fruit Of The Spirit*

### Gentleness

**Gal. 5:22,23** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **gentleness**, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

### Gentleness

*proates*; meekness, mildness, also humility.

Submitting your will to the will of another.

Patience in receiving injuries.

Not meanness or a surrender of rights, nor cowardice, it is the opposite of sudden anger, malice, and vengeance.

Power under control.

Meek: Scandinavian origin, from “soft.”

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### True Meekness/ Gentleness



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### Moses The “Meek”

*“Now the man Moses was very humble [meek], more than any man who was on the face of the earth.”*

**Ex. 14:13,14** “Moses said to the people, “Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today...”

**Ex. 32:25-28** “Aaron had let them get out of control... Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me!...go back and forth from gate to gate in the camp, and kill every man his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor...”

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### As Jesus Was

#### Gentle

**Matt. 21:5** “BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY”

**Matt. 11:28-30** “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and YOU SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy, and My load is light.”

**Isa. 42:3** “A bruised reed He will not break, And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice.”

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### As Jesus Was

#### Strong

**Jn. 2:14-17** “...He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the moneychangers, and overturned their tables; and to those who were selling the doves He said, “Take these things away; stop making My Father’s house a house of merchandise...”

**Matt. 23:13-15** “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because...”

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## As Jesus Was

### In Control

**Jn. 10:17,18** *"For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."*

**Matt. 26:52-54** *"Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? How then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?"*

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## Our Need Of Meekness

### Towards God

**Ps. 37:11** *"But the humble [meek] will inherit the land..."*

**Matt. 5:5** *"Blessed are the gentle [meek], for they shall inherit the earth."*

**James 1:21** *"...in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls."*

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## Our Need Of Meekness

### Towards Faithful Brethren

**Col 3:12,13** *"And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you."*

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## Our Need Of Meekness

### Towards Erring Christians

**Gal 6:1,2** *"...you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness..."*

**2 Tim. 2:23-26** *"...the Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting..."*

**2 Cor. 10:1** *"Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ..."*

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## Our Need Of Meekness

### Towards All

**Tit. 3:1,2** *"Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men."*

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