

The Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness

Series: *Christ's Life Revealed in Us*
 – Gal. 5:22-23; Matt. 11:28-30; 12:20 –

1. The Gentleness of Jesus

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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 will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”
 – Matthew 11:28-30

“A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out...”
 – Matthew 12:20

2. The Gentleness of Jesus' Followers

(a) Be Understanding – Not **DEMANDING**

(b) Be Tender – Without **SURRENDER**

(c) Be Teachable – Not **UNREACHABLE**

(d) Be Proactive – Not **REACTIVE**

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. What are some misconceptions regarding gentleness or meekness which need to be eliminated from our thinking? Why?
3. From the Scripture and sermon this week, what stands out to you about Jesus' gentleness? Is there anything new to you, or that strikes you differently than before?
4. Gentleness has been described as the strength of character required to ground one's relationships in something other than pride and power. Would you agree? Why?
5. How can God's servant stand for truth and oppose sinful injustices without being argumentative - 2 Tim. 2:24-25? What does gentleness look like in that context?
6. In what ways have you seen Jesus be gentle with you during your lifetime? This last year? This last week?
7. How is your gentleness factor (doing well or needing some work)? In which area of gentleness is God calling you to focus?

