

The Fruit of the Spirit is Gentleness

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Scripture:

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

From the Introduction:

Being in a world that has no tolerance for the weak, as Christians, we need to follow the example given to us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

Matt 11:29-30 NLT



1) Guidance for our conduct. (Matt 11:29)

- a) We can live in a world where _____ and _____ are considered a sign of _____.
- b) In our _____ of sin we are helpless and cannot carry a burden we were never meant to carry.
- c) Jesus tells us that for those who trust in Him and have that relationship with Him, He wants to _____ us how to live a gentle life in him.

2) Dressing for the part. (Col 3:12)

- a) You want to make sure your _____ properly.
- b) The chosen of God will _____ the "fruit" of the Spirit.
- c) Part of clothing ourselves with the "fruit of the Spirit" is _____ for the Temple.

3) You are a Godly person. (1 Tim 6:11)

- a) As a Christian brother or sister, we are told to _____.
- b) We must acknowledge that as a child of God, He has called us to run _____ way.
- c) And if He has called us to run His course, then He will _____ us with everything we need.

Remember:

¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. (Matt. 7:19-20 ESV)

Reflect:

The heart in which the Holy Spirit dwells will always be characterized by gentleness, lowliness, quietness, meekness, and forbearance.¹

Seek:

- 1) Read 1 Peter 3:14-15. In this passage, the apostle noted that we should always be prepared to make a defense for Christ “with gentleness and respect” (ESV). How does our responding in this manner “honor Christ the Lord as holy?”

¹ A. B. Simpson, “Gentleness,” in *The Pentecostal Evangel*, February 15, 1953.

Share:

- 1) In the message, Pastor Ken said, "Jesus set the example of how we can live in the Spirit and be taught how to produce this kind of fruit in our lives," Give an example of how have the Scriptures illumined you to the need for greater Christ-like gentleness in your life?

Serve:

- 1) What changes do you need to make so that the fruit of gentleness will be evident to you and others?

Prayer:

Open your hearts to the gentleness of the Holy Spirit. As he leads you ask him make the spirit of God's gentleness yours each day, so that you might honor the One who gave His life for all.