

BELIEVE
"Be Like Jesus"
Gentleness

INTRODUCTION:

➤ **Galatians 5:22-23**

➤ **There are three very important facts about fruit:**

a) Fruit is Visible

1) **Matthew 7:16-20**

b) Fruit is Recognizable

1) Fruit always reflects the character of the tree.

2) **John 15:1**

c) Fruit is for others

1) Fruit is always for the benefit of others.

➤ **Westminster Catechism**

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

- *1 Corinthians 6:20*
- *1 Corinthians 10:31*
- *Revelation 4:11*

Q. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach, what and is to believe concerning God and what duty requires of man.

➤ **Galatians 5:22-23**

I. UNDERSTANDING GENTLENESS

A. GENTLENESS INTERPRETED

1. Gentleness describes the person who is so much in control of himself that he is always crying @ the right time and never angry @ the wrong time.

2. To be gentle is to have a humble heart and peaceful mind and to submit wholly to God's plan.
3. It is to calmly accept God's judgment regarding a situation, even if that judgment results in personal hardship.
4. It is that humble and gentle attitude that is patently submissive in every offense, while being free of any desire for revenge or retribution.

B. GENTLENESS ILLUSTRATED

1. In the New Testament it is used to describe 3 attitudes:

a) It's submission to the will of God

1) *Colossians 3:12*

b) It's teachableness

1) *James 1:21*

c) It's consideration of others

1) *Ephesians 4:1-2*

2. In the Old Testament we see David was gentle toward his rebellious son.

a) *2 Samuel 18:5*

3. Jesus came into this world with a spirit of gentleness.

4. Paul had a tender attitude toward the churches he had founded.

a) *2 Corinthians 10:1*

b) *1 Thessalonians 2:7*

C. GENTLENESS IGNITED

1. God wants us to give Him control of our lives.

a) *Galatians 5:16*

b) *Ephesians 5:18*

2. Gentleness places our strength under God's guidance, and is a powerful tool for God's kingdom.

3. *Ephesians 3:20-21* (we must turn here)

a) We are to glorify Christ individually as well as corporately!!

4. *Ephesians 4:30*

5. When we sin we violate the purity and unity of the church.

II. GENTLENESS AND THE GLORY OF GOD

1. *Galatians 5:16*

2. *Colossians 3:16*

3. I pursue my own holiness, not only that I might be used for God, but that I might be used for you.

4. THREE PRINCIPLES OF RESTORATION

A. PRINCIPLE #1 WE ARE TO HELP OUR FALLEN BROTHERS UP

1. *Galatians 6:1a*

a) "Brethren if anyone is caught in any transgression"

1) "Brethren" - refers to believers, to those in the church

2) "caught" - means to be *entangled*

3) "transgression" - this is not premeditated sin, but rather, a sin that *entangles* a person because they were not on their guard.

a. People flirt with sin they think they can handle.

2. *Galatians 6:1b*

a) "...you who are spiritual"

1) A spiritual believer is one who "*walks in the Spirit*" - "*filled with the Spirit*" - and manifests "*the fruit of the Spirit*"

b) "should restore him"

1) The verb "to restore," *katartizō*, means to mend, or repair.

c) "in a spirit of gentleness"

1) This is a *manifestation* of the "**Fruit of the Spirit.**"

d) Anytime anyone falls into a sin and is caught in it, that is reason for us to act.

e) **Matthew 18**

3. *Galatians 6:1c*

a) "Keep watch on yourself lest you too be tempted"

1) It means to carefully observe, carefully observe your own self lest you too be tempted.

B. PRINCIPLE #2 WE ARE TO HOLD OUR FALLEN BROTHERS UP

1. Galatians 6:2a

a) "Bear one another's burdens"

1) "**Bear**" - means to carry with endurance. It means to get under the load.

2) "**burdens**" - means excessive, heavy, heavy, heavy, unbearable load.

2. Galatians 6:2b

a) "*and so fulfill the law of Christ*"

b) What is the law of Christ?

1) Galatians 5:14

2) John 13:34

C. PRINCIPLE #3 HELP SECURE HABITS IN OUR FALLEN BROTHERS

1. Vs 3-4

2. Vs 5

a) "*For each will have to bear his own load*"

1) "**load**" - here is different than "burden"

2) **It literally means anything carved.** To make something.

3. It is all about our **Spiritual responsibility for the glory of God.**