

FOUNDATION CORNERSTONE

FCS1-2-14: Fruit of Gentleness

Bearing Godly Fruit

2) *What God uses to witness through the Christian testimony and some of the most effective attributes in sharing the Gospel (Long-suffering, gentleness and goodness).*

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Gentleness: (Greek 5544 – 2 *Corinthians 10:1*) epieikeia ep-ee-i'-ki-ah from 1933; suitableness, i.e. (by implication) **equity, mildness**:--clemency, **gentleness**.

Christians should remember the circumstances of their lives and all the gentleness and patience it took from God until they finally believed the Gospel. As gentle and as patient God was with them in the beginning, they should also be towards those their testimony reaches.

2 Corinthians 10:1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *am* base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:

Titus 3:2-3 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. 3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

For people to hear and understand the Gospel message, it must first be lived in front of them. Then people will see the grace of God living in a Christian's life and perceive that God can do the same for them. Christians should minister the same gentleness towards every man that they would wish others to bestow unto them.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: 8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. 9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. 10 Ye *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: 11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *doth* his children, 12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

For people to recognize the spirit of God, they should see God's Spirit in all that a Christian says and does.

James 3:17-18 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.



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Question 1

As defined, gentleness may be seen by others as ministering to them in a Godly and suitable manner. Not adding personal emotion or feelings to how they are sharing.

True

False

True/False

Question 2

As described in Titus 3:2-3, the main reason to speak evil of no person and not in a fighting or debating spirit is because ...

we were once just like them in many ways. Yet God gave us grace and mercy.

God loves a cheerful giver.

a person can win more debates this way.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 3

As described in 1 Thessalonians 2:7, we are admonished to ...

sow our seeds amongst good ground.

sow our seeds amongst the stoney ground as to feed the birds.

cherish one another as a nurse would cherish her children.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 4

As described in James 3:17-18, wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable and gentle to be easily agreed with as it came from God.

True

False

True/False



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