

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



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Meekness does not mean weakness
 Ephesians 4:17-32

"God blesses those who are gentle, for the whole earth will belong to them." Matthew 5:5 NLT

Gentleness is _____ under control.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING GENTLE:

1. Gentleness diffuses _____.

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1 NIV

2. Gentleness disarms _____.

"We respond gently when evil things are said about us." 1 Corinthians 4:13 NLT

"Your conversation should be so sensible that anyone who wants to argue will be ashamed because there won't be anything to criticize in anything you say!" Titus 2:8 LB

3. Gentleness is _____.

"As a man of God...pursue what God approves of: godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness." 1 Timothy 6:11 GW

"You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God." 1 Peter 3:4 NLT

4. Gentleness communicates _____.

"Husbands, love your wives and be gentle with them." Colossians 3:19 NCV

"Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger. Do not exasperate them to resentment, but rear them tenderly in the training and discipline and counsel of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4 Amp

5. Gentleness earns _____.

"A woman of gentle grace will be respected." Proverbs 11:16 MSG

“Moses was a very meek and gentle man. In fact, he was more gentle than anyone else on the face of the earth!” Numbers 12:3 Amp

6. Gentleness is a witness to _____.

“Believers should never speak evil of anyone, nor be quarrelsome. Instead they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone.” Titus 3:2 GW

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

7. Gentleness makes me like _____.

“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.” Matthew 11:28-29 NIV

“The fruit of the Spirit is...gentleness!” Galatians 5:23 NIV

HOW TO PRACTICE GENTLENESS THIS WEEK:

1. When somebody disagrees with me, be _____ without _____.

“Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.” Romans 14:1 MSG

2. When somebody disappoints me, be _____ not _____.

“If someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you may be tempted too.” Galatians 6:1 NIV

“Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32 MSG



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Think of someone in your life who exhibits quiet strength. Describe that person to your group.
2. Discuss the often counter-cultural but decidedly spiritual benefits of gentleness. How is gentleness like Jesus?
3. When we're in conflict, what advice does Proverbs 15:1 have for us? Lowering your voice in response to heated words will often have this desired effect. Discuss how this can defuse situations past or present.
4. Titus 2:8. When we are attacked or criticized, responding with gentleness will disarm our critics. How does this exemplify the definition of gentleness--strength under control?
5. To practice gentleness this week apply this statement, “*When someone disagrees with me, be tender without surrender.*” In what situations can you anticipate applying this concept during the week?
6. How do you apply God's love to a situation when you don't feel loving?
7. Read Titus 3:2. Why does Titus direct us, as Christian witnesses, to be gentle and polite to everyone?
8. Consider this statement, “*When someone disappoints me, be gentle, not judgmental.*” Discuss examples of what this looks like.
9. Read 1 Peter 3:4. Whether you're a man or woman, gentleness makes you attractive to others. Read the story of Ruth and Boaz from Ruth 2:13-14 and point out the gentleness each of them displays.

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