

# **The Fruit of the Spirit is GENTLENESS**

Text: Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

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## **Introduction**

**Eph. 6:21**

**Psa. 34:8**

**2 Pet. 1:4**

**Eph. 5:1**

**Gal. 5:22-26**

## **I. Our Gentle Heavenly Father**

**Isa. 40:10-11**

## **II. Our Gentle Lord & Savior Jesus Christ**

**Matt. 11:28-30**

**Zech. 9:9**

**Matt. 21:5**

## **III. Gentleness & Meekness in the Life of the Believer**

A) Gentleness & meekness toward God

**Jam. 1:21 (ESV)**

**Jam. 3:13-18 (ESV)**

B) Gentleness & meekness toward others

1. Consider the example of Paul

**1 Tim. 1:13**

**1 Thess. 2:7 (ESV)**

**2 Cor. 10:1**

2. “Gentle” Christians not threatened by opposition

**2 Tim. 2:24-25**

3. “Gentleness” a part of Christian leadership **Heb. 5:2**
4. “Gentle” Christians restore the fallen **Gal. 6:1**
5. “Gentle” Christians know how to witness for Christ **1 Pet. 3:15**
6. Importance of “gentleness” in the home and marriage **1 Pet. 3:4**  
**Prov. 15:1**

## **Conclusion**

**Phil. 4:15**  
**Col. 3:12**  
**Psa. 18:35 (ESV)**

Recommended reading available at [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com):

- *The Fruitful Life: The Overflow of God’s Love Through You* by Jerry Bridges
- *The Fruit of the Spirit: Becoming the Person God Wants You to Be*  
by Thomas E. Trask & Wayde I. Goodall
- *Living in the Spirit: Drawing Us to God, Sending Us to the World*  
by George O. Wood