

Fruit of the Spirit

Week #6 - GENTLENESS

May 24th, 2026

Our culture is invested in being OFFENDED.
*We will never persuade our neighbors of the truth of Christ
by mimicking angry protests.*

Following Jesus means I must allow Him to CRUCIFY
the human tendencies of my flesh.
(Galatians 5:24)

Gentleness isn't weakness; it is strength UNDER CONTROL

-> Jesus was GENTLE.

"learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart" (Matthew 11:29)

- **Jesus' Gentleness was for an INVITATION.**
- **Jesus' Gentleness was to bear our BURDENS.**

Working Gentleness into our lives

-> Be THERMOSTATS rather than THERMOMETERS

- **I can be GENTLE with my TONGUE (James 3; Proverbs 15:4; Proverbs 25:15)**
- **I can be GENTLE with my TEMPER (1 Peter 2:22-24)**

Jesus could have won by force; He chose restraint.

Jesus had a broader vision.

(Matthew 26:53-54)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. (Ephesians 6:12)