

# SERMON NOTES

## Gentleness: Strength or weakness?

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Gentleness: Picture of strength or weakness?

### Definitions: Gentleness

- Be \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ to violence, sudden anger, and bad temper
- Gentleness is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit. *"The fruit of the Spirit is...gentleness"*

*Philippians 4:5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.*

1. Gentleness is an exhibition of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Gentleness is \_\_\_\_\_ under control.

What happens when I allow my power to lose control?

### What are the blessings of Jesus' gentleness?

- a. Jesus used his power to \_\_\_\_\_ our sins.
  - *Isaiah 42:3-4 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope."*
- b. Jesus used his power to \_\_\_\_\_ our burdens.
  - *Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 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. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

## What is the truth about gentleness?

a. Gentleness reflects \_\_\_\_\_ to others!

- *Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

b. Gentleness reflects how we \_\_\_\_\_ others.

- *Titus 3:1-2 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, 2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and **considerate**, and to show true humility toward all men.*
- *James 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, **considerate**, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.*
- *Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger*

c. Gentleness is how we \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

- *1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. 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, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*
- *2 Corinthians 10:1-2 By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you—I, Paul, who am “timid” when face to face with you, but “bold” when away! 2 I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world.*

**DAILY DEVOTION:** Join email list to start your day with a devotion

## **SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life**

**The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:**

**The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:**

**The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:**

**My prayers today are:**

**Someone I would like to bless with today's message:**

# DIGGING DEEPER: Apply to My Life

## STUDY THIS WEEK: S.O.A.P. METHOD

**Scripture:** *(Use one from the message this week)*

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**Observation:** *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

**Application:** *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

**Prayer:** *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*