



The **VINE** and the **FRUIT**



GALATIANS 5:22-23A NLT

²²But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control.





The Fruit
of the Week

GENTLENESS



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- × It is not the avoidance of conflict.



In Greek, the word for gentleness is *prautés*. It can be translated meekness or humility. It means to submit one's strength in a posture of meekness, gentle strength, and expresses power with reserve.



WHAT BIBLICAL
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- It is not a lack of strength or power; it is the restraint in using it.



WHAT BIBLICAL GENTLENESS IS:

MATTHEW 26:51-53 NLT

⁵¹But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear.

⁵²"Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Those who use the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly?"

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WHAT BIBLICAL GENTLENESS IS:

- It is needed to be able to correct and teach others.



WHAT BIBLICAL GENTLENESS IS:

GALATIANS 6:1A NLT

¹Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.

- It is needed to be able to correct and teach others.



WHAT BIBLICAL GENTLENESS IS:

- It is connected to Godly wisdom.



WHAT BIBLICAL GENTLENESS IS:

JAMES 3:17 NLT

¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others.

- It is connected to Godly wisdom.



THE GENTLENESS OF JESUS

ISAIAH 42:1-4 NIV

- ¹ "Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
- ² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.



ISAIAH 42:1-4 NIV

³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”





THE GENTLENESS OF JESUS

The gentleness of Jesus is shown by
His title of Servant

verse **1**



THE GENTLENESS OF JESUS

The gentleness of Jesus is shown by
His lowly heart and actions

verse **2**

This doesn't mean that Jesus never spoke loudly. It refers to His gentle, lowly heart and actions. Jesus didn't make His way by bluster and loud, overwhelming talk, but by the Spirit of God upon Him.





THE GENTLENESS OF JESUS

The gentleness of Jesus is shown by
how He handles bruised people

verse **3A**



A reed is a fairly fragile plant, yet if a reed is bruised, Jesus will handle it so gently that He will not break it.



THE GENTLENESS OF JESUS

The gentleness of Jesus is shown by
how He ministers to weak people

verse **3B**

Often we feel that God deals roughly with our weaknesses and failures. Just the opposite is true. He deals with them gently, tenderly, helping them along until the bruised reed is strong and the smoldering wick is in full flame.





THE GENTLENESS OF JESUS

The gentleness of Jesus is shown by
His gentle strength


verse **4**



Jesus is gentle, but not weak. He will bring forth justice and nothing will stop Jesus.

WHAT DOES THE FRUIT OF
GENTLENESS LOOK LIKE
IN MY LIFE?




An illustration featuring a red apple with a single green leaf, an orange with two green leaves, a sliced orange showing its segments, a white flower, and a blue flower. In the bottom left corner, there is a green branch with several leaves.

WHAT DOES THE FRUIT OF GENTLENESS LOOK LIKE IN MY LIFE?

- The fruit of gentleness is expressed in my submission to God.


When someone is the servant of another, the servant is required to give full service and obedience to the master. But the master is also required to take care of the servant.



An illustration featuring a red apple with a single green leaf, an orange with two green leaves, a sliced orange showing its segments, a white flower, and a blue flower. A green branch with several leaves extends from the bottom left corner.


WHAT DOES THE FRUIT OF GENTLENESS LOOK LIKE IN MY LIFE?

- The fruit of gentleness is expressed in my heart towards hurting people.

An illustration featuring a red apple with a single green leaf, an orange with two green leaves, a sliced orange showing its segments, a white flower, and a blue flower. In the bottom left corner, there is a branch with several green leaves.

WHAT DOES THE FRUIT
OF GENTLENESS LOOK
LIKE IN MY LIFE?

- The fruit of gentleness is expressed in finding value in people.

An illustration featuring a red apple with a single green leaf, an orange with two green leaves, a sliced orange showing its segments, a white flower, and a blue flower. In the bottom left corner, there is a separate illustration of a green branch with several small green leaves.

WHAT DOES THE FRUIT OF GENTLENESS LOOK LIKE IN MY LIFE?

- The fruit of gentleness is expressed in leaning on God's strength not my own.

MATTHEW 11:28-29 NIV

²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

