

WEEK 9



# Appealing LIFE

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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## Gentleness

*"we were gentle among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well". (1 Thes. 2:7-8)*

Another word for gentleness is meekness.

*"Now the man Moses was very meek (gentle, and humble) above all the men on the face of the earth". (Nu.12:3)*

The word Gentleness or meekness used in the Bible actually means Power Under Control.

Gentleness is the outward expression of inward humility.

*"faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 19 ... You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder...20 faith without deeds is useless" (James 2:17-20)*

### 3 Areas where we need Gentleness:

1) When we face CONFLICT.

*"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger". (Prov. 15:1)*

2) When we deal with ERROR.

*"Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will". (2 Tim 2:25-26)*



*"Gentle speech breaks down rigid defenses". (Prov. 25:15)*



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I'm never persuasive when I'm abrasive. — Rick Warren

Goal of gentleness is that they'd come to their senses and escape a trap.

### 3) When we interact with OUTSIDERS.

*"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 Pet. 3:15)

The Perfect example of gentleness is Jesus.

*"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". (Matt. 11:29)*

**Jesus teach us:**

#### 1) Gentleness recognizes a person's condition.

*"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd". (Matt. 9:36)*

**Wounded people require gentleness.**

#### 2) Gentleness uses it's power to serve.

*"Jesus knowing that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him". (John 13:3-5)*

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