

Introduction

In defense of Gentleness

It is what Jesus models for us (*Matthew 11:28*)

It is the fruit of the Spirit (*Galatians 5:25-6*)

It is the plea of the apostles for the Body of Christ (*Ephesians 4:1-3*)

It is a necessary qualification for elders (*1 Timothy 3*)

It is essential for our response to non-believers (*1 Peter 3:15*)

It is essential for restoration after sin and failure (*Galatians 6:1*)

It even works for Christians who are deceived by the devil (*2 Timothy 2:24-26*)

It is a matter of divine wisdom in all things (*James 3:13-18*)

How should we view “ungentleness” in ourselves or others?

But on the other hand...

Jesus wasn't always “gentle”

Paul wasn't always “gentle”

What crops grow in the soil of gentleness?

Some tips for learning gentleness and respect