

**Fruit of the Spirit**  
**Part 8 - Gentleness**  
Galatians 5:22-23

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23*

**The Greek word for gentleness is *prautes* which means mildness, humility, meekness.**

*5 Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5*

**3 Deep Desires of Gentleness....**

**1) Desire to submit to God's will.**

**KEY: Pursue a real relationship with Christ and be lead by the Holy Spirit.**

*9 God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
1 Corinthians 1:9.*

*2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2*

**Two critical steps for discovering God's will....**

- **Value Christ over culture!**

*2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, Romans 12:2a*

- **Allow the Spirit to change you!**

*... but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2b*

*Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2c*

**2) Desire to be teachable and coachable.**

*21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and **humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.** James 1:21*

**12** *Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,  
but whoever hates correction is stupid.* Proverbs 12:1

**3** *Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. **4** As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5** Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. **6** But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. **8** Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. **9** Whoever has ears, let them hear.”* Matthew 13:3-9

**18** *“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: **19** When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. **20** The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. **21** But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. **22** The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. **23** But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”* Matthew 13:18-23

### **3) Desire to be considerate of others.**

**2** *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.* Ephesians 4:2

**29** *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.* Ephesians 4:29