
¹⁵ *Perhaps this is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever,*

¹⁶ *no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.*

¹⁷ *So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.*

¹⁸ *If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.*

¹⁹ *I, Paul, write this with my own hand, I will repay it -- to say nothing of your owing me even your own self.*

²⁰ *Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.*

²¹ *Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.*

²² *At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be granted to you.*

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Gentleness

The Fruit of the Spirit—pt. 8

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

Secular man's real definition of gentleness

Biblical gentleness

“Gentleness” - “Prautes” (Gk.)

Gentleness in the family

*Colossians 3:19 **Husbands**, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.*

*Colossians 3:21 **Fathers**, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.*

An amazing example of gentleness: Paul

1 Peter 3:3 *Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes.*

⁴ *Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a **gentle** and quiet **spirit**, which is of great worth in God's sight.* ⁵ *For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful.*

Gentle: difficult situations; with difficult people

1 Thessalonians 2:7 *But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children.*

Galatians 6:1 (RSV) *Brothers, if a man is overtaken in a sin, you who are spiritual should **restore** him in a **spirit of gentleness**. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted.*

2 Timothy 2:24 *And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, forbearing, ²⁵ **correcting his opponents with gentleness**. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth, ²⁶ and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*

Philemon 1:7 *For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.*

⁸ *Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required,*

⁹ *yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you -- I, Paul, an ambassador and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus --*

¹⁰ *I appeal to you for my child, Ones'imus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment.*

¹¹ *(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.)*

¹² *I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart.*

¹³ *I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel;*

¹⁴ *but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will.*
