

The Power Of Gentleness

"Fulfilled", Part 9

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"But the fruit of the Spirit is...gentleness..." (Galatians 5:23a)

GENTLENESS: Our Power Under God's Control

Five areas that we need God's Control in our lives

P – PERSONALITY (I've been wired by God to plug in to His Power)

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me."
(John 15:4 NLT)

YOU CAN'T HAVE THE FRUIT WITHOUT THE ROOTS

O – OUTLOOK (My actions can be controlled by my attitude)

"Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had"
(Philip. 2:4-5 NLT)

GENTLE PEOPLE ARE: UNDERSTANDING OF OTHERS

"Godliness leads to love for other Christians, and finally you will grow to have genuine love for everyone."
(2 Peter 1:7 NLT)

GENTLE PEOPLE ARE NOT: DEMANDING OF OTHERS

"What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Isn't it the whole army of evil desires at war within you? You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous for what others have, and you can't possess it, so you fight and quarrel to take it away from them. And yet the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God for it."
(James 4:1-2 NLT)

W – WORDS (When God controls my heart, He controls my words)

"And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is full of wickedness that can ruin your whole life. It can turn the entire course of your life into a blazing flame of destruction, for it is set on fire by hell itself. People can tame all kinds of animals and birds and reptiles and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is an uncontrollable evil, full of deadly poison".
(James 3:6-8 NLT)

E – EXPECTATIONS (Do my best, let God control the rest)

"Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love."
(Ephes. 4:2 NLT)

R – RESPONSES (When my choices are directed by God I become proactive not reactive)

"It is better to be patient than powerful; it is better to have self-control than to conquer a city."
(Proverbs 16:32 NLT)

Gentleness won't _____ but it will...

- Give you power to live your life God's Way
- Bring Fulfillment like nothing else can
- Make you more like Jesus