



THE FRUIT *of the* SPIRIT

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

~ Galatians 5:22-23

Three Great Things Gentleness Will Do For Us All

- I. It will OPEN PEOPLE'S HEARTS to our message.

As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make demands of you, but we were as gentle among you as a mother feeding and caring for her own children. We loved you so much that we gave you not only God's Good News, but our own lives, too.

~ 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

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- I. It will OPEN PEOPLE'S HEARTS to our message.
- II. It will DISARM our enemies.

A gentle answer deflects anger,
but harsh words make tempers flare.

~ Proverbs 15:1

Nabal, a descendant of Caleb, was crude and
mean in all his dealings.

~ 1 Samuel 25:3

Day and night they were like a wall of protection to us and the sheep.

~ 1 Samuel 25:16

Should I take my bread and my water and my meat that I've slaughtered for my shearers and give it to a band of outlaws who come from who knows where?

~ 1 Samuel 25:11

A lot of good it did to help this fellow. We protected his flocks in the wilderness, and nothing he owned was lost or stolen. But he has repaid me evil for good. May God strike me and kill me if even one man of his household is still alive tomorrow morning.

~ 1 Samuel 25:21-22

My lord, let the blame be on me alone. Please let me speak to you; hear what I have to say. May you pay no attention to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name – his name is Fool, and folly goes with him. But as for me, I did not see the men you sent.

Now since the Lord has kept you from bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hands, as surely as the Lord lives and as you live, may your enemies and all who intend to harm you be like Nabal. And let this gift, which I have brought you, be given to the men who follow you. Please forgive my offense, for the Lord will certainly make a lasting dynasty for you, because you fight the Lord's battles.

~ 1 Samuel 25:24-28

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me. May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands. Otherwise, as surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, who has kept me from harming you, if you had not come quickly to meet me, not one male belonging to Nabal would have been left alive by daybreak.”

~ 1 Samuel 25:32-34

Soft speech can break bones.

~ Proverbs 25:15

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- I. It will OPEN PEOPLE'S HEARTS to our message.
- II. It will DISARM our enemies.
- III. It will help to RESTORE our fallen brothers.

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.

~ Galatians 6:1



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