

Gentleness

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Respond with Gentleness: 1 Peter 3:14-17

- You will experience hardship, persecution from others
- Live your life as worship unto Jesus
- When people ask you about your story: tell the truth about Jesus in a gentle & respectful way
- How they respond, is the Holy Spirit's responsibility

Gentleness:

- Fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:23
- Aspect of Godly wisdom: James 3:17
- Expected of Believers: Ephesians 4:1-2
- Define: kind, tender, sympathetic, forgiving, amiable, polite
- Jesus was gentle (Matthew 11:27) & showed us a better way when interacting with people

Jesus & Young Ruler: Mark 10:17-22

- Jesus saw into the depths of this man, knowing that money held a more important place than God, yet he fixed his gaze full of tender love on him
- Then Jesus spoke truth, revealing to him the truth of where he was & still gave him an opportunity to respond
- The only times we see Jesus speak harshly is towards those religious leaders who were full of pride, jealousy and really didn't care about their people
- When he spoke to the woman caught in adultery, he spoke with gentleness & compassion, while instructing to leave her life of sin
- When approached by the outcast, sick, lonely, despised, consistently he responded with love, seen in his gentle and tender ways and words
- We must study this aspect of Jesus and ask for Holy Spirit to make us like Him
- A people full of His love, moved with compassion, acting & speaking with gentleness

Scriptures on Gentleness:

- Proverbs 15:1 - Gentleness doesn't respond in anger or with harsh words
- Proverbs 15:4 - Gentle words bring life & healing, uplifting, truthful, not deceitful, negative, demeaning, crushing
- Titus 3:2 - Not argumentative, or quarreling, no slander: not given to name calling, defamation of character, gossip, lying about others
- Self-control, wise with interactions, Humility: sober view of self, look to others over self

Gentleness & Correction: Galatians 6:1; Jeremiah 10:24; 1 Corinthians 4:21

Gentleness in Marriage

Wives: 1 Peter 3:4

- Outer beauty changes with age
- God values the unfading beauty of a gentle & quiet spirit - like Jesus
- Inner Christ confidence & Christ character
- Context is specifically addressing wives and honoring husbands

Husbands: 1 Peter 3:7 AMP

- Must learn to show your wife great gentleness & tact
- Yes, she is different than you but she is a fellow heir of this grace life (equal in Christ)
- Show honor & respect
- Your prayer life depends on it

Gentleness as a Way of Life: 1 Peter 3:8-9

- Unity. Sympathy. Love like family. Be tenderhearted (gentle). Keep a humble attitude.
- Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults. Pay back with a blessing.
- "That is what God has called you to do, and He will grant you His blessing."