

THE STRENGTH OF GENTLENESS

The Keys to a Blessed Life
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"God blesses those who are gentle. The whole earth will belong to them!"
Matthew 5:5

GENTLENESS IS _____

BENEFITS OF BEING GENTLE

1. GENTLENESS _____
"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."
Proverbs 15:1 (NIV)

"If your boss is angry with you, don't quit! A quiet gentle spirit can overcome even great mistakes." Ecclesiastes 10:4 (NLT)

2. GENTLENESS _____
"We respond gently when evil things are said about us."
1 Corinthians 4:13 (NLT)

"Your conversation should be so sensible that anyone who wants to argue will be ashamed because there won't be anything to criticize in anything you say!"
Titus 2:8 (TLB)

"The Lord's servant must never quarrel; instead, he must be kind and gentle with everyone, He must be able to teach effectively and be patient with difficult people. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to know the truth."
2 Timothy 2:25 (NIV/TLB)

3. GENTLENESS _____
"Gentle speech breaks down rigid defenses." Proverbs 25:15 (The Message)
"A gentle word can get through to the hard-headed." Proverbs 25:15 (NCV)
"A wise, mature person is known for understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is." Proverbs 16:21 (GNT)

4. GENTLENESS _____
"As a man of God . . . pursue what God approves of: godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness." 1 Timothy 6:11 (GW)

"You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."
1 Peter 3:4 (NLT)

5. GENTLENESS _____
"Husbands, love your wives and be gentle with them." Colossians 3:19 (NCV)

"Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger. Do not exasperate them to resentment, but rear them tenderly in the training and discipline and counsel of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4 (AMP)

6. GENTLENESS _____
"A woman of gentle grace will be respected." Proverbs 11:16 (The Message)
"Moses was a very meek and gentle man. In fact, he was more gentle than anyone else on the face of the earth!" Numbers 12:3 (AMP)

7. GENTLENESS _____
"Believers should never speak evil of ANYONE, nor be quarrelsome. Instead they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone." Titus 3:2 (GW)
"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."
1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

8. GENTLENESS _____
"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28- 29 (NIV)
"The fruit of the Spirit is . . . gentleness!" Galatians 5:23 (NIV)

WHO CAN I PRACTICE GENTLENESS WITH THIS WEEK?

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