

Gentleness: Luke 19:1-10

- Gentleness? Nothing on my radar screen, grandmothers have it, meekness, a door mat, “nice guys finish _____,” a small fruit?
- Fruit: John 15:1-5, “I am the true vine...”; Galatians 5:22-26 (Fruit of the Spirit); I Timothy 6:11 (Pursue gentleness); Matthew 5:5 (Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”; J. Paul Getty
- Strength: I Samuel 17 (David & Goliath); Psalm 18:31-35 (Strength from God’s gentleness); II Samuel 9 (David & Mephibosheth); Gentle Ben
- Humility: Philippians 2:3-10 (Humble King of Kings); Matthew 11:28-30 (Come unto me...); Psalm 23:4 (Thy rod...); Gettysburg Address.
- Courtesy: Proverbs 15:1 (A soft answer ...); Titus 3:2 (Perfect courtesy); John 4 ; An officer and a gentleman – Robert E. Lee.
- Less is More: John 8:3-11 (Woman caught in adultery); II Timothy 2:23-25 (Avoid controversies, quarrels...); Abraham Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address.
- Related Traits: Ephesians 4:32 (Tenderhearted & forgiving); Proverbs 19:11 (Slow to anger)
- Antonyms: Galatians 5:19-21 (Desires of the flesh: strife, enmity, fits of anger); harshness

Questions

Who is the gentlest person of all time?

Do you pursue gentleness?

Should you be more gentle with your spouse/children/fellow Christians/friends/neighbors/co-workers?

Review

_____ A book containing a list of non-edible fruit.

_____ Jesus was gentle with Zacchaeus, treating him as an _____.

_____ A strong man can be gentle; A weak man can ___ pass up a chance to seem strong.

_____ Harsh speech usually involves too many “ _____ ” words.

_____ Jesus said, “Come unto me....for I am gentle and _____ in heart.

_____ A gentle person shows perfect courtesy to all people and even cares about _____.