

Let Your Gentleness Be Evident To All

“Let your gentleness be evident to all, the Lord is near.”

(Philippians 4: 5)

Gentleness is the way you speak to others. Gentleness and kindness both are the fruit of the Holy Spirit that need to appear in our lives. It is one of the characters of the Lord Jesus Christ who want us to express gentleness in our personality, actions and attitudes.

The Lord Jesus Christ said, *“Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.” (Matthew 11:29)* Gentleness start from the heart therefore we need to check our hearts. What is in our hearts peace or anger, peace or war? As we receive Jesus as our own personal Saviour and Lord in our lives He would be the one to change us. Because of His great love to us the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins. He was buried but rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him. This love that God had shown us through His Son when we receive Him would transforms our hearts and cleans us from all rudeness and roughness.

Let your gentleness be evident to all: Jesus would change the tune of our speech into a gentle tune. Just imagine you go to a place like clinic, supermarket, Hospital, a Bank or a Shop and you had not been treated or spoke with in a gentle way, you would not go there again. In the same way if you are rough and tough with people they will not approach you again. Jesus is gentle, therefore be gentle like Him, *“For all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” (Galatians 3:27)* Clothe yourself with the gentleness of Christ. *“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothed yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” (Colossians 3:12)*

Apostle Paul said to the Thessalonians people, *“But we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our lives as well because you had become so dear to us.” (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8)* He said He was gentle with them like a mother caring for her little children. Caring for children is not an easy task, it is a hard work especially the little kids are active and may do opposite what the mother asks from them but she still remain patient and gentle with them. That is how God wants us to deal with people around us.

Let your gentleness be evident to tall: What if someone opposes you and causes you a hard time while you are involved in serving the Lord? The word of God teaches us how to deal with such kind of people. *“Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord’s servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to*

teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth. And that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.” (2 Timothy 2:23-26) The servant of God must be kind, able to teach, not resentful, and gentle in instructing those who oppose him. No point to quarrel or fight with those who oppose you; it is God Himself who would grant them repentance; the Holy Spirit would convict them of their wrong doing and would show them the truth that what they are doing is for the benefit of Satan. Ultimately they will be aware about what they have done wrong; they will repent and follow the instructions that you had given to them.

Let your gentleness be evident to all: Paul said in his letter to the Corinthians, *“By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you-I, Paul, who am ‘timid’ when face to face with you, but ‘bold’ when away! I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be towards some people who think that we live by the standards of this world.” (2 Corinthians 10:1-2)* Paul was appealing to them by the meekness and gentleness of Christ. What he is telling them that he does not want to be harsh with those who misunderstood him when he is going to meet them. Even to those who do wrong gentleness is required in dealing with them.

The word of God it teaches us to speak the truth in love. Gentleness does not mean to speak flattery words and to compromise; this is not gentleness, *“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ.” (Ephesians 4: 15)* We have to say the truth but in a gentle way.

God is gentle and He wants us to carry this character in our personality. The word of God it tells us the following about God, *“He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.” (Isaiah 40: 11)* God is a gentle shepherd as He leads the flock He will consider those who had young, because they will not be able to move freely as those who has no young so He leads them gently. To be gentle is to be a considerate person. Some people around us they have a special circumstances and they are passing through difficult times and they need to be treated in a special way and to be considerate with them. As we pass through hard times we ask God for love and mercy and special care so we can pass through those difficult times. When God free us and help us He wants us to be considerate with others; treating them gently and help them so they can be sustained.

My Dear and Beloved: Let your gentleness be evident to all, the Lord is near. It is the time for you to change your character and personality. Invite Jesus more into your life and ask Him to change you and transform you to be in His image; gentle, mindful and merciful as you agree to pray.

My prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and raised from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, forgive me all my sins and all my wrong doings. Cleanse me from roughness and harshness and teach me to be gentle like you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*