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Living a Fruitful Life - Part 8  
“Mighty Meekness”

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **gentleness** and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”*

Galatians 5:22-23

**Gentleness is... “Power under \_\_\_\_\_”**

### **An Illustration of Gentleness and Meekness:**

*“While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”*

*When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.*

*But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man's ear and healed him.*

*Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.”*

Luke 22:47-53

### **How Gentleness is Developed:**

1. In response to \_\_\_\_\_
2. Through \_\_\_\_\_
3. By making a \_\_\_\_\_

The man who is meek is not even sensitive about himself. He is not always watching himself and his own interests. He is not always on the defensive ... all that is gone. The man who is truly meek never pities himself, he is never sorry for himself. He never talks to himself and says, ‘You are having a hard time, how unkind these people are not to understand you.’ He never thinks: ‘How wonderful I really am, if only other people gave me a chance.’ Self pity! What hours and years we waste in this! But the man who has become meek has finished with all that. To be meek, in other words, means that you have finished with yourself altogether, and you’ve come to see that you have no rights or desserts at all. The man who is truly meek is the one who is amazed that God and man can think of him as well as they do and treat him as well as they do. That, it seems to me, is its essential quality.” - Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones

### **How Gentleness is Lived Out:**

1. In our \_\_\_\_\_
2. In our \_\_\_\_\_

**“Beware of those who love the idea of community more than they love the community itself”**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer in “Life Together”

3. In our \_\_\_\_\_