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Part 7

Gentleness: Power Under God's Control

"the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 **gentleness**, and selfcontrol."

Galatians 5:22-23

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

Romans 12:2a

- **1. When you change your thinking, you change your beliefs.**God's working with me everyday to grow me into His Son's likeness.
- **2. When you change your beliefs, you change your expectations.** Therefore I don't need for people to treat me rightly as much as I need to treat others rightly
- **3. When you change your expectations, you change your attitude.** I'm not reactive but proactive toward others.
- **4. When you change your attitude, you change your behavior.** It's about who I am not who they are
- 5. When you change your behavior, you change your life!
 I am becoming a whole new person, in fact I am modeling
 Christ

I will be gentle when I think about	
after Jesus' life	

"take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart"

Matthew 11:29

How is Jesus Gentle?

1. He understands my

"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

2. He understands my

Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt. Zechariah 9:9

"God can do anything, far more than you can ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams. He does it not by punching us around, but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us."

Ephesians 3:20

We All Need A Vine Transplant

"You must go on growing in me and I will grow in you. For just as the branch cannot bear fruit unless it shares the life of the vine, so you can produce nothing unless you go on growing in me." John 15:4

How Can I Be Gentle With Others:

When someone disappoints you are you gentle or judgmental?

"Gentle words cause life and health." Proverbs 15:4

"Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each others faults because of your love." Ephesians 4:2,

So Watch your words.

"Whatever is in the heart overflows into the speech". Luke 6:45

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Proverbs 15:1