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in this confusing world

## **Part 2 – Gentleness (Philippians 4:5)**

“Let **your gentleness be evident to all**. The Lord is near.”  
(NIV)

### **1. FIRST, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE GENTLE?**

#### **James 3:17.**

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, **considerate**, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

#### **1 Thessalonians 2:7**

<sup>7</sup> but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.

#### **Mark 6:31**

<sup>31</sup> Then, because so many people were coming and going that they (the disciples) did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

#### **Philippians 4:2**

<sup>2</sup> I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord.

### **2. WHY DO WE NEED TO BE GENTLE?**

#### **(1) Our gentle attitude reflects God's character.**

#### **Matthew 5:43-45**

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

<sup>44</sup> But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

<sup>45</sup> that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. **He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.**

#### **(2) Our gentle attitude promotes peace.**

#### **Hebrews 12:14**

<sup>14</sup> Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

#### **(3) Our gentle attitude is a part of our fellowship with God.**

#### **1 Thessalonians 4:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

### **3. HOW CAN WE SHOW GENTLENESS TO OTHERS?**

#### **(1) Enjoy God's gentleness to me daily.**

#### **Psalms 34:8**

<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

#### **Psalms 103:10**

<sup>10</sup> He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

**(2) Practice to be gentle by faith.**

**2 Thessalonians 10:1**

<sup>1</sup> 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!

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