



Galatians 5:23; Ephesians 4:1,2

Introduction

**PRAUTES**  
**'power under control'**

**“God’s Gentleness is Power Under Control, Let Us Become That Way”**

Jonathan Edwards says, that gentleness *“may well be called the Christian spirit. All who are truly godly and are real disciples of Christ have a gentle spirit in them.”*

**I. God Is Powerful and Gentle**

Isaiah 40:10,15,25,26 – describes an all-powerful God  
Isaiah 40:11- this all-powerful God is also gentle

Prophecies describing the gentleness of the coming Messiah:  
Isaiah 42:3,4; Zechariah 9:9

**II. Jesus Is Powerful and Gentle**

Jesus showing gentleness is a reflection of what his Father has done throughout history.

Matthew 11:28,29 – *“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”*

Matthew 12:17 – *“...a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench...” (fulfillment of Isaiah 42)*

Matthew 21:5 – *“...Behold, your king is coming to you, gently (humble) and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.” - (Fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9)*

**III. You (We) Are to be Powerful and Gentle**

**We are to ‘put on or clothe ourselves’ with gentleness:**

Contrast gentleness with works of flesh – Galatians 5:19

Ephesians 4:1,2 – *“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love...”*

Colossians 3:12 – *“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, gentleness (meekness), and patience...”*

James 1:21 – *“Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with gentleness (meekness) the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”*

Philippians 4:5 - *“Let your gentleness (reasonableness) be known to everyone.”*

**Sometimes...gentleness is born in extreme trial or tragedy!**

**We are to confront believers in sin with gentleness:**

Galatians 6:1 – *“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.”*

**We are to stand for truth and share our faith, yet do it with gentleness**

1 Peter 3:15 – *“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...”*

2 Timothy 2:25 – *“correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth...”*

Titus 3:2 – *“...to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and show perfect courtesy toward all people.”*

**Think of the Apostle Paul:**

2 Corinthians 10:1 – *“I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ – I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away...”*

1 Corinthians 4:21 – *“What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod or with love in a spirit of gentleness?”*

#### **IV. Conclusion**

*“Keep tough and tender”* – tough on ourselves and tender with others.

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