

# *the* TAKE HOME 08.28.16

**Sermon Series Scripture Passage:** Galatians 5:22-23

...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, **goodness**, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

## What is gentleness?

- humility, meekness, mildness.
- Humble and gentle attitude that's patiently submissive in every offense, while having no desire for revenge or retribution. MacArthur Study Bible
- Moses's meekness is a good example. He had a "gentle strength or gentle force expressing power with reserve." (biblehub.com)
- Controlled strength
- It is not weakness
- Hard on problems; soft on people

## Why do we need gentleness?

- We have a tendency to be self-absorbed, prideful, use our strength (physical, emotional, spiritual) in a less-than gentle way.
- Most of the time this is what people respond to best.
- The very unity and mission of the church depends on it.

## What are specific situations where we can exercise gentleness?

- Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. Galatians 6:1
- Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...1 Peter 3
- What other situations in your own life can you think of as an opportunity to grow in gentleness?

# Sermon Notes

How to Get from Here to Maturity: Gentleness

## ➤ Pursue Gentleness

But you... flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11

## ➤ Borrow Jesus' Gentleness

By the humility and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you... 2 Corinthians 10:1

I am gentle and humble in heart. Matthew 11:29