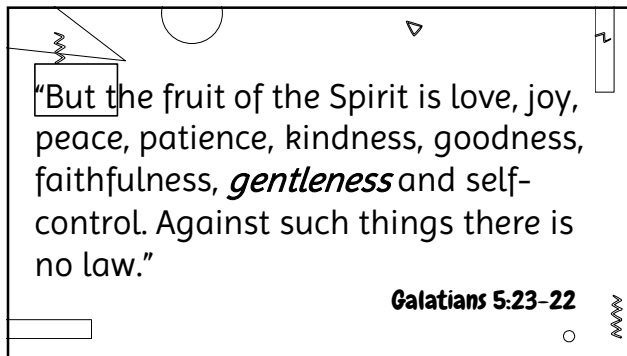


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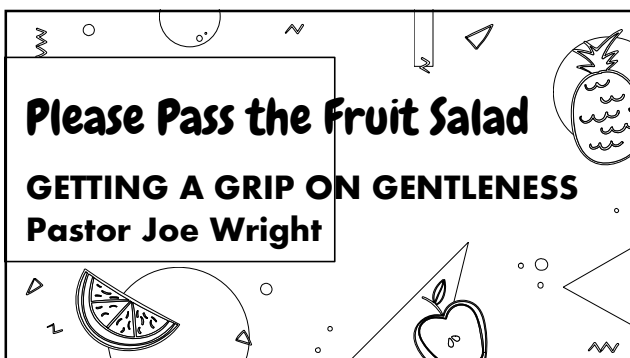
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"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, *gentleness* and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

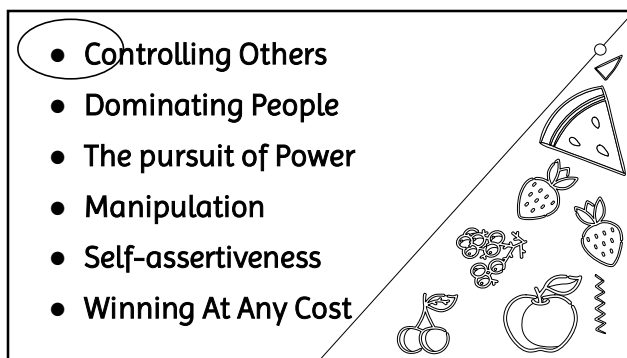
Galatians 5:23-22

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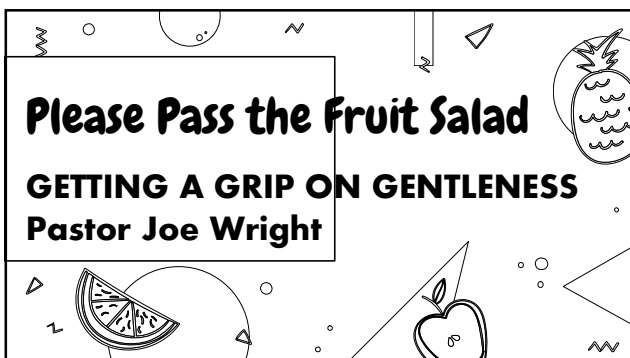
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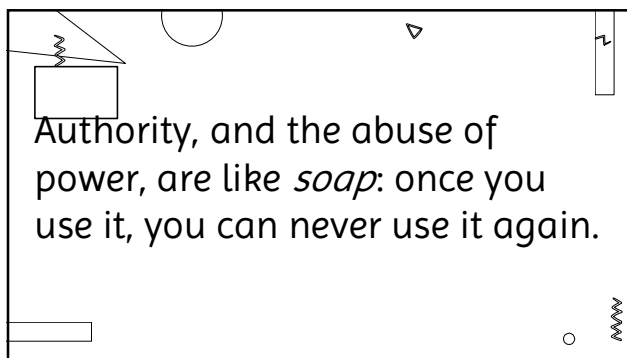
- Controlling Others
- Dominating People
- The pursuit of Power
- Manipulation
- Self-assertiveness
- Winning At Any Cost

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Authority, and the abuse of power, are like *soap*: once you use it, you can never use it again.

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1.
Gentleness is
power that is
under control.

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“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline.”
2 Timothy 1:7

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The Greek word used in 2 Timothy for “power” is where we get our English word “dynamite”!

10

Power has two *controlling agents*.

1. love
2. self-discipline

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The Greeks used the word "gentleness" to describe people, or things, which have a *soothing quality*.

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Power that is *out of control*, or *vented* on other people, is a vicious revolving door!

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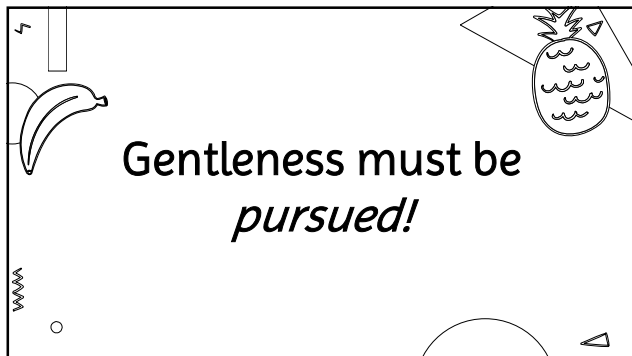
Gentleness is demanded!

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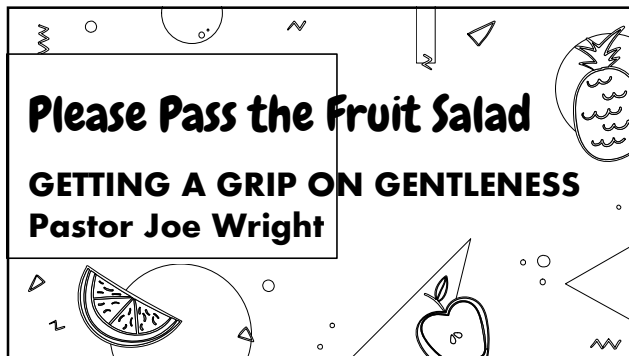
"But, you, man of God, flee from all of this!"

1 Timothy 6:11

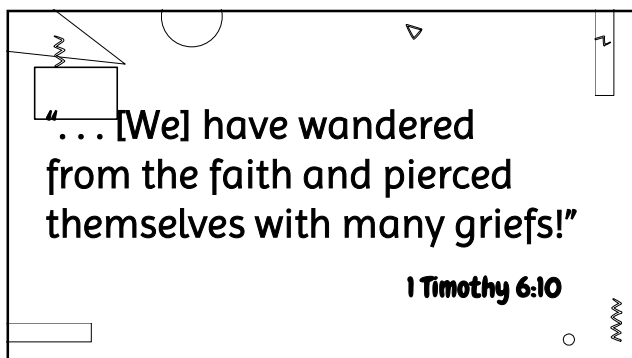
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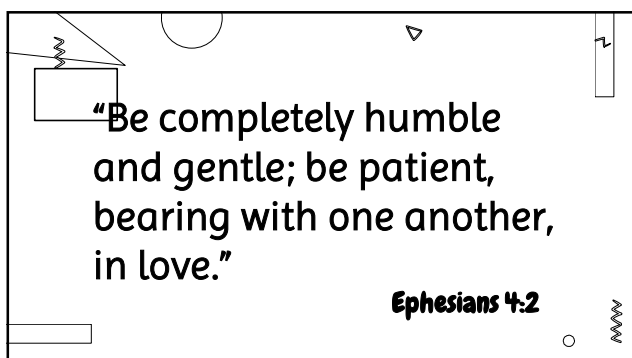
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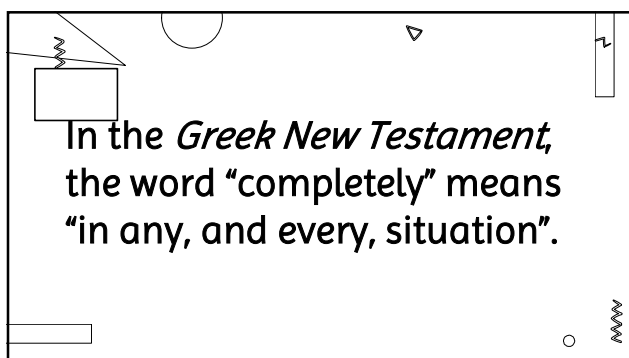
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You will never be gentle until you learn to be *humble*, because humility is the *prerequisite* to being gentle.

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Gentleness should be obvious!

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Philippians 4:5,
"Let your gentleness be evident to all!"

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"Those who oppose him, He must gently instruct in the hope that God will grant them repentance, leading them to a knowledge of the truth."

2 Timothy 2:25

30

And, that they will come to their senses, and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do His will.”

2 Timothy 2:25

31

“Therefore, get rid of all moral filth, and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you!”

James 1:21

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“Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted!”

Galatians 6:1

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“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 3:15

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“Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities; to be obedient; to be ready to do whatever is good;”

Titus 3:1-2

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“to slander no one; to be peaceable and considerate; and to show true humility toward all men!”

Titus 3:1-2

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3.
Gentleness is desirable.

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Gentle people are *peace-filled* people.

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“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. take my yoke upon you,”

Matthew 11:28-29

43

“and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls!”

Matthew 11:28-29

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Matthew 5:5,
“Blessed are the meek!”

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Gentle people are
prosperous people.

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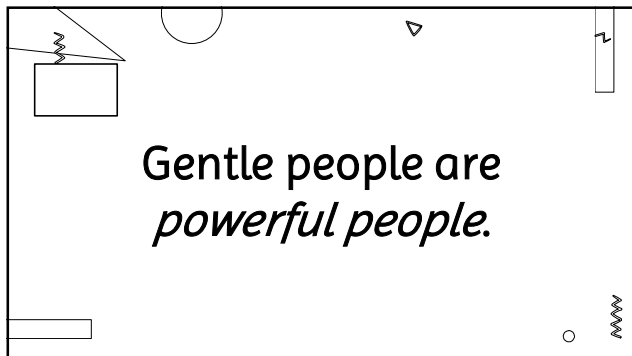
Matthew 5:5,
“Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth!”

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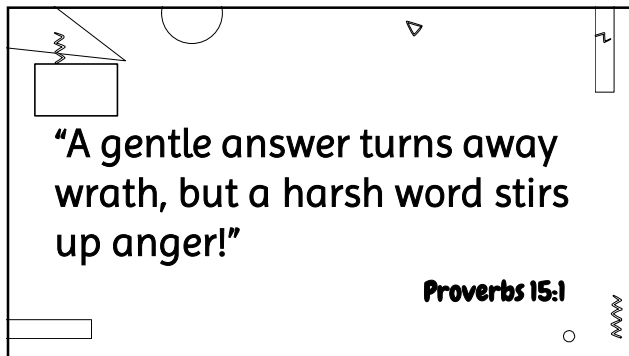
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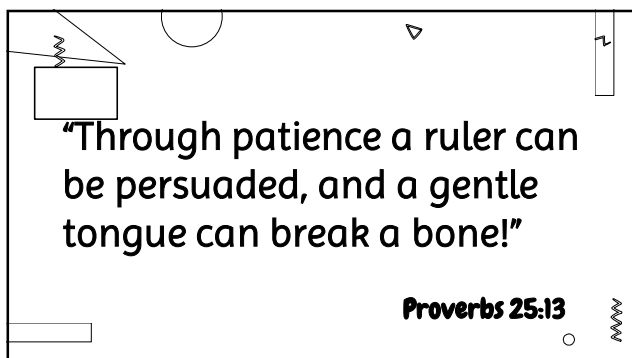
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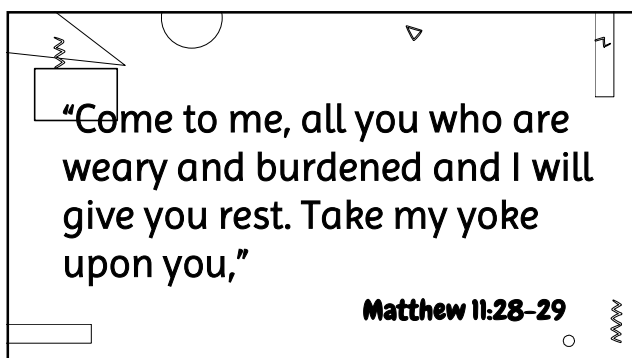
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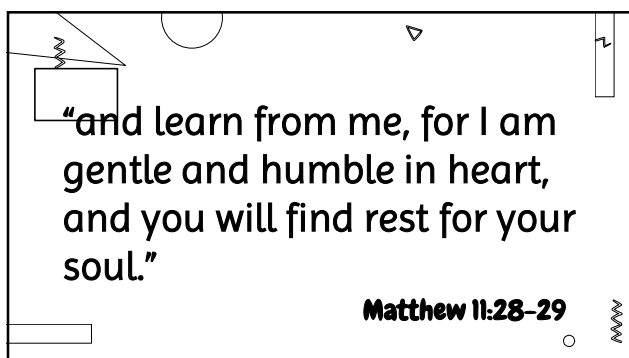
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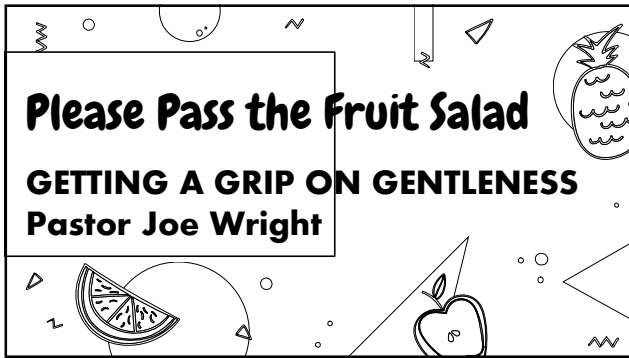
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