

Summer Series 2025
The Fruit of the Spirit - “Gentleness”
Gal. 5:22-6:2, 2 Tim. 2:22-26, 1 Peter 3:15-18 (NIV)
August 24, 2025

Sermon Points:

1. Introductory Question: *“Who is the most gentle person you know?”*

- What examples have you seen of the opposite of gentleness? Cruel, harsh, etc.
- When does the world value gentleness?
- Gentleness = *prautes* = “gentle-force” & “non-domineering attitude”
- **Takeaway: Gentleness values others**

2. Galatians 5:22-6:2 - BELIEVERS

- V.1 - Restore Gently
 - Reality of Christians caught in sin
 - Illustration: Sea turtle caught in plastic
 - What is a sin in your life that catches you?
 - About care, not dominance
- V.1 - Watch Yourself
 - Different from the world’s “watch out for yourselves”
 - Gentleness is on alert, not lazy
 - V.2 - What is our direction? CHRIST

3. 2 Timothy 2:22-26 - OPPONENTS

- V.25-26 - Opponents’ State
 - Reality of the devil’s trapping
 - Illustration: Sea turtle dying in plastic
 - Need REPENTANCE, not domination
- Gentle instruction is done in relationship

4. 1 Peter 3:15-18 - SEEKERS

- V.15 - Everyone who asks you
 - Is there anyone asking you? If not, why?
 - Are you prepared to give the reason?
- V.18 - Our hope is Christ’s suffering for our sins, death, and resurrection
- We are valuable as God’s image bearers

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is a fellow believer, opponent, or seeker that you can build a closer relationship with this week?
2. Which sins do you see the devil using to trap those around you?
3. How can you better be equipped to share the reason for your hope?

Personal Notes