



# SUMMER FRUIT

## GENTLENESS

*Galatians 5:22-23*

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**Galatians 5:22-23**  
*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (ESV)*

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_

3. Let \_\_\_\_\_

4. Let \_\_\_\_\_

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of the sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of the study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Read **Matthew 26:53-54**. How does this admission from Christ keep you from misunderstanding what “gentleness” is? What are some examples from our Christian lives of the need for restraint when it is in our power to react and “deal with” the opposition or the irritants we encounter? Why is a deepening knowledge of the Bible so essential when thinking about the appropriate application of “gentleness” in your weekly life?
2. Read **Revelation 21:8**; **2 Timothy 1:7-8** and **Proverbs 28:1**. How can “gentleness” become a cover and rationalization for cowardice? What are some situations that you need to be aware of, which might require boldness when you are aiming at just being gentle?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 4:18-21** and **2 Corinthians 10:1-6**. What are some contexts in which your role (e.g.: as a parent, leader, teacher, administrator, etc.) could call for the exercise of your stewardship before God that might be received as “unloving,” “harsh,” or “not gentle” by the ones you lead? How can you navigate those misunderstandings without abdicating your stewardship?
4. Read **1 Thessalonians 2:3-12**. What are some of the ways you can express the “gentleness” of God’s Spirit in your care for and discipleship of fellow Christians?
5. Read **Psalms 119:53, 136, 158** and **1 Peter 3:14-15**. What help or counsel might you offer a Christian who is zealous for God’s honor, indignant about God’s detractors, and yet in need of exercising “gentleness and respect” (v.15) toward them when he seeks to articulate a defense of the Christian hope?