THE STRENGTH OF GENTLENESS The Keys to a Blessed Life (8 Beatitudes) – Part 3

Matthew 5:5 "<u>God blesses</u> those who are gentle. The whole earth will belong to them!"

Gentleness is
BENEFITS OF BEING GENTLE
1. GENTLENESS
Proverbs 15:1 (NIV) "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."
Ecclesiastes 10:4 (NLT) "If your boss is angry with you, don't quit! A quiet gentle spirit can overcome even great mistakes."
2. GENTLENESS
 Corinthians 4:13 (NLT) "We respond gently when evil things are said about us." Titus 2:8 (LB) "Your conversation should be so sensible that anyone who wants to argue will be ashamed because there won't be anything to criticize in anything you say!" Timothy 2:24-25 (NIV/LB) "The Lord's servant must never quarrel; instead, he must be kind and gentle with everyone, He must be able to teach effectively and be patient with difficult people Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to know the truth." GENTLENESS
Proverbs 25:15b (Mes) "Gentle speech breaks down rigid defenses." Proverbs 25:15b (NCV) "A gentle word can get through to the hard-headed."
Proverbs 16:21 (TEV) "A wise, mature person is known for understanding The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is." 4. GENTLENESS

- **1 Timothy 6:11 (GW)** "As a man of God... pursue what God approves of: godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness."
- Ruth 2:13-14 Ruth said to Boaz, "You're very kind to me. You have made me feel better by speaking gently."
- 1 Peter 3:4 (NLT) "You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the <u>unfading beauty of a gentle</u> and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."

5.	GENTLENESS	

- Colossians 3:19 (NCV) "Husbands, love your wives and be gentle with them."
- **Ephesians 6:4 (Amp)** "Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger. Do not exasperate them to resentment, but <u>rear them tenderly</u> in the training and discipline and counsel of the Lord."

6.	GENTLENESS	

Proverbs 11:16 (Mes) "A woman of gentle grace will be respected."

Numbers 12:3 (Amp) "Moses was a very meek and gentle man. In fact, he was more gentle than anyone else on the face of the earth!"

7. GENTLENESS ______.

- **Titus 3:2** (**GW**) "Believers should never speak evil of ANYONE, nor be quarrelsome. Instead they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone."
- 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) "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."

8. GENTLENESS _____.

- Matthew 11:28-29 (NIV) "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."
- Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) "The fruit of the Spirit is . . . gentleness!"