

I Need to Be Gentle (Strong But Easy to Live With)

Text: **Matthew 5:5** (Beatitude #3)

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Introduction

A. God's Word can change our lives!

Hebrews 4:12

B. The Beatitudes introduce us to "The Sermon on the Mount"

Matthew 5:1-5

C. What is meekness?

D. The constant need for "balance"

Phil. 3:10

E. It's all about who will be in control?

Luke 9:23-24

I. Meekness Cannot Be Separated From

Matt. 11:28-30, KJV

- "meek & lowly" (KJV)
- "gentle & humble" (NIV)

Eph. 4:1-2
Matt. 21:5
Matt. 26:39, 42, 44
Phil. 2:5-8

II. Meekness Toward God Results in _____ Toward People

**Eph. 4:1-3
Eph. 5:21
Col. 3:18-19
1 Pet. 3:1-4
1 Pet. 3:15
Gal. 6:1
Num. 12
Num. 12:3**

III. Meekness is Indicative of a _____ Spirit

**Psalm 25:9
James 1:19-21
Gal. 5:22-23
Psalm 37:11**

Conclusion

A. Who is in control of your life?

- 1) The truth of the matter is, you cannot control yourself...
- 2) Why not surrender your life to God's control today?

B. Is your surrendered life to Christ evident in your gentleness toward others?

C. How "teachable" are you? Is the fruit of the Spirit, including gentleness/meekness evident in your life?