

## The Strength Of Gentleness

Living Like A King #4  
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*Blessed are those who are gentle. They will inherit the earth.*

**Matthew 5:5 (GW)**

*Your king is coming to you. He does what is right, and he saves. He is gentle\_and riding on a donkey, on the colt of a donkey.*

**Zechariah 9:9 (NCV)**

- Gentleness is: **Strength under control.**

*Become my servants and learn from me. I am gentle and free of pride. You will find rest for your souls.*

**Matthew 11:29 (NIRV)**

**How does gentleness bless my life?**

### 1. Gentleness **defuses conflict.**

*A gentle answer quiets anger, but a harsh one stirs it up.*

**Proverbs 15:1 (GNT)**

*Don't leave your job just because your boss [ruler; leader] is angry with you. Remaining calm [Gentleness] solves [appeases] great problems [offenses].*

**Ecclesiastes 10:4 (EXB)**

### 2. Gentleness **disarms critics.**

*We appeal gently when evil things are said about us.*

**1 Corinthians 4:13 (NLT)**

*Use clean language that no one can criticize. Do this, and your enemies will be too ashamed to say anything against you.*

**Titus 2:8 (CEV)**

### 3. Gentleness **is persuasive.**

*A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.*

**Proverbs 16:21 (GNT)**

*With patience, you can make anyone change their thinking, even a ruler. Gentle speech is very powerful.*

**Proverbs 25:15 (ERV)**

*God's people must not be quarrelsome; they must be gentle, patient teachers of those who are wrong. <sup>25</sup> Be humble when you are trying to teach those who are mixed up concerning the truth. For if you talk meekly and courteously to them, they are more likely, with God's help, to turn away from their wrong ideas and believe what is true.*

**2 Timothy 2:24-25 (LB)**

### 4. Gentleness **is attractive.**

*...as a person dedicated to God... pursue righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness.*

**1 Timothy 6:11 (NET)**

- Gentle men** are **gentlemen**!

*Ruth answered, "You are very kind to me, sir. You have made me feel better by speaking gently to me, even though I am not the equal of one of your servants." <sup>14</sup> At mealtime Boaz said to Ruth, "Come and have a piece of bread, and dip it in the sauce." So she sat with the workers, and Boaz passed some roasted grain to her. She ate until she was satisfied, and she still had some food left over.*

**Ruth 2:13-14 (GNT)**

*Be beautiful in your heart by being gentle and quiet. This kind of beauty will last, and God considers it very special. **1 Peter 3:4 (CEV)***

### 5. Gentleness **communicates love.**

*Love is not rude... **1 Corinthians 13:4 (NCV)***

*Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.*

**Ephesians 4:2 (TLB)**

*Husbands, love your wives, and be gentle to them.*

**Colossians 3:19 (ERV)**

*Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord.*

**Ephesians 6:4 (AMP)**