

“GENTLENESS”

Fixer Upper #8

“But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness. . . .”
Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

GENTLENESS IS: POWER UNDER GOD’S CONTROL

*“Let your **gentleness** be evident to all”* Philippians 4:5 (NIV)

P.O.W.E.R. = 5 Elements of Gentle People

PERSONALITY. . . Under God’s control

*“**Abide in Me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.”*

John 15:4-5 (NIV)

OUTLOOK. . . under God’s control

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 2:4-5 (NIV)

WORDS. . . under God’s control

“A gentle answer will calm a person’s anger, but an unkind answer will cause more anger.”

Proverbs 15:1 (NCV)

EXPECTATIONS. . . under God’s control

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

Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)

RESPONSE. . . under God’s control

“He (Jesus) did not retaliate when he was insulted. When he suffered, he did not threaten to get even. He left his case in the hand of God, who always judges fairly.”

1 Peter 2:23 (NLT)

“God’s Spirit doesn’t make cowards out of us. The Spirit gives us power, love and self-control.”

2 Timothy 1:7 (CEV)