

## 8 Gentleness

### Blessed are the meek

- Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 1 Peter 3:4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

### Learn from Jesus as He is Gentle

- Matthew 11:29 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.

### The bible teaches us to be gentle

- Titus 3:2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.

### Instruct others gently

- Galatians 6:1 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.
- 2 Timothy 2:25 Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,

### To learn the truth with a gentle heart

- James 1:21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.
- James 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

### The power of gentleness

- Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- Proverbs 25:1 Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue  
5 can break a bone.
- Ecclesiastes 10:4 If a ruler's anger rises against you, do not leave your post; calmness can lay great errors to rest.

### 10 Faith

#### What is faith?

- Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

#### Faith is the gift of God

- Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

#### Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith

- Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

#### Faith is essential

- Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

#### The power of faith

- Matthew 17:20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. "

### Faith expresses itself through love

Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

### Have joy even in adversities because of faith

Habakkuk 3:17-18 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

## 11 Virtue

### Virtue makes us win favor and good names in the sight of God and man

Proverbs 3:3-4 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

### Virtue does not mean to follow the law

Romans 7:6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

### The Lord looks at the heart

1 Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

### The Lord tests the heart

Proverbs 17:3 The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart.

### Knowledge Came from God

- Exodus 31:3 ...and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts.
- Job 12:13 To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his.
- Psalms 139:6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.
- Proverbs 14:6 The mocker seeks wisdom and finds none, but knowledge comes easily to the discerning.

### Knowledge is Given by God

- Proverbs 2:6 For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
- Psalms 119:66 Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I believe in your commands.
- Isaiah 11:22 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.
- Jeremiah 3:15 Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.
- Daniel 2:21 He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

### All Creatures Proclaim the Glory of God

- Psalms 19:2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

- Romans 1:19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.
- Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

### Those Who Fear God Receive Knowledge

- Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

### We Must Pursue the Knowledge of God

- Proverbs 2:10 For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.
- Proverbs 23:12 Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.

Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

### The Knowledge of God Gives Man Life

- Ecclesiastes 7:12 Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: that wisdom preserves the life of its possessor.
- Isaiah 33:6 He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.

### Use Knowledge to Witness God

- 2 Corinthians 8:7 But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.
- Colossians 3:10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

### We Must Pursue Virtues Other Than Knowledge

1 Corinthians 8:1 Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.  
2 Peter 1:6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness.

### Secular Knowledge Pursued without Following God is Worthless

Ecclesiastes 1:17-18 Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind. For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.  
1 Timothy 6:20-21 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

### We Must Pursue the Truth

John 8:32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.  
John 14:7 If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.

15 Justice

### People worship God for His righteousness and holiness

Revelation 15:4 Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

### God renews us with righteousness and justice

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

### The path of the righteous is bright

Proverbs 4:18 The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

To be righteous by having faith in Jesus

Romans 3:25-27 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished-- he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith

31 Romans 1:17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

The Bible trains us in righteousness

32 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.