

2. In TITUS 3:2, the NIV uses the translation *considerate*.
Use a dictionary to write a definition for *considerate*.

• How can being *considerate* promote the cause of Christ?

3. Since *discipline* is by definition *painful* (see HEBREWS 12:11),
are *discipline* and *gentleness* mutually exclusive?
Explain your answer.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Under what circumstances do you have trouble being *gentle*?
- How will you apply the truths of this study next time you are confronted with these circumstances?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith
or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.



God Expects You to be Gentle

I. How is _____ us?

A. God is _____.

PSALM 86:5; JOHN 18:15-18, 25-27; 21:15-17;

MATTHEW 27:44; LUKE 23:39-43; 23:33-34

B. God is _____.

PSALM 106:1; 103:10; MATTHEW 26:47-53; LUKE 9:51-56; JOHN 19:10-11

C. God is _____ and _____.

PSALM 145:8; ROMANS 5:8; EPHESIANS 2:8-9; JOHN 1:12

II. How should you _____ God's gentleness?

A. You should _____.

B. You should _____ a _____.

ROMANS 12:1-2; EPHESIANS 2:10; HEBREWS 11:6

III. How can you _____?

A. You must _____.

MATTHEW 6:14-15; 18:21-22; EPHESIANS 4:30-32

B. You must be _____.

LUKE 6:36; GALATIANS 5:22–23; 1 PETER 2:21–23

C. You must _____ of _____

_____ and _____.

1 PETER 2:15–16; ROMANS 10:14

Conclusion: The more _____ you become,
the more _____ will _____.

MATTHEW 11:29

FELLOWSHIP GROUP CHALLENGE

- Discuss some ways Christian *gentleness* might be applied in our current emotionally-charged cultural conflicts.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read MATTHEW 11:29 and JOHN 2:14-17. Answer these questions:

- Did Jesus' actions indicate an unwillingness to forgive?

Explain.

- Did Jesus' actions indicate a lack of mercy and grace?

Explain.

2. Make two or three observations about the concept of *gentleness* based on JAMES 1:19-21.

3. Read 2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-5. In what ways can *gentleness* (v.1) be seen as a *weapon of divine power* (v.4)?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the opposite of *gentleness*?

- How can that characteristic damage the cause of Christ?