

Sermon Notes

Things That Matter: Beautiful Produce in an Age of Crop Failure

#9 – “Gentleness”

I. Introduction

A. Pastor Don’s use of the term “gentle” when dealing with his young children.

1. Used often with kids.
2. Should not be confused with meekness
3. Not prayed for as a personal Christian trait
4. “Meekness and gentleness are born of power and not weakness.”
5. Isaiah 40 – Verse 10, 15, 25-26 and Verse 11

B. Paul to Corinth

1. II Corinthians 10:1

II. Gentleness and rest

A. Jesus states

1. Matthew 11:28-30
 - a. Stanley Gale’s Lion illustration
 - b. Take a closer look at Matthew 11:28-30

B. The egg carton illustration

1. Watch out for a crushed carton when you become angry or overbearing.

III. Gentleness in action

A. How we treat others

1. Things Christians should not be – domineering, forceful, overbearing, bossy, authoritarian, heavy-handed, or dictatorial.
2. Also avoid blunt speech.
 - a. Conversation
 - b. Also internet communication
 1. License to say whatever you wish
3. If communication hurts, look for ways to bind up wounds.
 - a. II Timothy 2:24-25
4. Gentleness tempers anger
 - a. Ephesians 4:26,29
5. Gentleness as an item of clothing or apparel
 - a. Colossians 3:12; I Timothy 6:11

B. Be considerate

1. Considerateness is akin to gentleness.
 - a. Phil. 4:5; I Tim. 3:3, Titus 3:2; James 3:17
 - b. Translation difficult – Synonyms: yieldedness, reasonableness, big-hearted, considerate
 1. For opposite consider the Pharisees
 2. An illustration from Pastor Don’s life.
2. We do not talk down to people
 - a. Proverbs 18:13; James 3:15-18

IV. Paul’s remarks as a closing

A. I Thessalonians 2:7