

FRUIT *of the* SPIRIT

GENTLENESS

When you think about the word 'GENTLENESS', what kind of image comes to mind?

PRAOTES (original Greek word used in Gal 5:23) is literally translated in English as _____, _____, and _____.

Humility is 'freedom from _____ or _____: the quality or state of being humble'. The Latin word *humilis*, means "_____".

What is the OPPOSITE of HUMILITY? _____

- God _____ pride. Prov 6:16-19,
- _____ comes before a _____. Prov 16:18,
- _____ has the potential to _____ you (Prov 11:2), and turn you into _____ completely different. (Daniel 4)

PRIDE is not just evident in the way we _____; it is first found in our own private _____.

Luke 18:9-14, Luke 6:45

- The enemy uses _____ to stir up PRIDE in us.

Generally speaking, gentleness is _____ to God's will. (*This means practicing humility WHILE you're submitting.*)

Consider the challenge of submission on both sides of God's timing: _____ and _____.

The life of JESUS: BEFORE (Hebrews 10:5-7)

The life of Job: AFTER (JOB 1:20-22, 2: 9-10)

Each one of us, during the course of our lives, will be confronted with the challenge to walk in _____; probably on BOTH SIDES of God's timetable.

Principles that are consistent on both sides of God's timetable - BEFORE and AFTER – in the life of Christ and of Job:

1. The acts of submission involved far more than right _____ and the desire to have the right _____.
 - a. We need to pray every day and ask God's spirit to permeate every single _____ that is hindering us from what God has for us.
2. Both Christ and Job were committed to righteousness and obedience, yet neither _____ the enormous difficulty of the submission.
 - a. Sometimes _____ prevents us from walking in GENTLENESS.
 - b. Sometimes it's _____ that stands in the way.
3. Both trials were deeply _____ and _____ charged. Hebrews 5:7
 - a. Gentleness bows, but sometimes with the _____ of emotion. Psalm 147:3
4. Wounds need _____ and binding takes _____.
 - a. Hebrew word for 'wounds' means "pain, wound, sorrow, affliction, grievance".
 - b. Hebrew word for 'binding' means "to bind, wrap around, cover, envelope, enclose".
5. Their resultant _____ from wounds God healed, became marks of _____ and _____.

We are known by our fruit. Matt 12:23