

# The Me I Want to Be

Galatians 5:22-23 – Gentleness

*“Perhaps no grace is less prayed for, or less cultivated than gentleness. ... and seldom do we reflect that not to be gentle is sin.” - George Bethune*

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7:58 ... the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>8:1</sup> And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup> Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. ...

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<sup>9:1</sup> Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

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1 Thessalonians 2:7 But we proved to be gentle among you. As a nursing *mother* tenderly cares for her own children, in the same way we had a fond affection for you and were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

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“THERE WAS NEVER AN ANGRY MAN THAT THOUGHT  
HIS ANGER UNJUST. NOTHING IS SO STRONG AS  
GENTLENESS, NOTHING SO GENTLE AS REAL  
STRENGTH.”

- FRANCIS DE SALES



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Philippians 4:5 Let your gentleness be evident to all.

Colossians 3:12 ... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

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Ephesians 4:1 I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ...

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Galatians 6:1 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. ... <sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

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1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,