

# The Mark of Gentleness

## NINE MARKS #8 - Pastor Gary Combs – July 5, 2015 - Ephesians 4:1-7

Ephesians 4:1-7 (ESV) <sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

### Bearing Christ's mark of gentleness you will ...

1. ... \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 2:3 (NASB) Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself

Matthew 11:29 (NIV) 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.

2. ... \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 4:2 (KJV) With all lowliness and meekness...

Matthew 5:5 (ESV) Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

1 Thessalonians 2:7 (NLT) ...we were as gentle among you as a mother feeding and caring for her own children.

3. ... \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 15:1 (NIV) A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Galatians 6:1 (ESV) Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness...

1 Peter 3:15 (ESV) but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect

#### 4. ... \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Timothy 6:11 (NIV) But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

1 Peter 3:4 (NLT) You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

James 3:16-18 (ESV) For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

2 Corinthians 10:1 (NIV) "By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you"