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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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Gentleness

While in Washington D.C., I discovered something I had never seen before. The squirrels would walk up to you and allow you to feed them. They didn't hesitate to come near a human or even run from you. I wondered to myself, "How can this be?" Well I found out that the squirrels are familiar with the people in that park. The people are gentle to them and the squirrels are familiar with their character. It should be the same way in Christianity. Christ Is very gentle, kind and loving. He never attacks His people. Yes, He corrects or holds accountability, but He is never in the defensive mode like we can be at times. If we claim He is in us, we should be conducting ourselves in the same manner as Christ. Let us review what the Bible has to say about being gentle....

Christian leaders should exhibit gentleness. **I Thessalonians 2:6-7 NKJV – (6)** Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. **(7)** But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

Teach with gentleness. **II Timothy 2:24- 26 NKJV – (24)** And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, **(25)** in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, **(26)** and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.

Gentleness is a mark of wisdom. **James 3:17 NKJV – (17)** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

SCRIPTURE READING

GALATIANS 5:22

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Conquer a man who never gives by gifts; Subdue untruthful men by truthfulness; Vanquish an angry man by gentleness; And overcome the evil man by goodness."

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