

The Piercing Tip of Gentleness

Foundational Scripture:

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

A. Transgressions.

Rom 6:11 Reckon (count) yourself dead to sin but alive to God through Christ. You are under grace, not under the law; under grace, there is no law.

Rom 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

1 Jn 3:4 sin is the transgression of the law.

1 Jn 1:9 If you confess your known sins, God will cleanse you

B. Iniquities.

Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear [me]:

1 Jn 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

1 Jn 3:21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, [then] have we confidence toward God.

1 Jn 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

1 Jn 1:9 If you confess your known sins, God will cleanse you of all unrighteousness.

C. Living without sin.

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Mat 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

Mat 22:39 And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Gal 5:22 ABC Love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, humility and self-control.

Spiritual thermostats are Joy, peace and patience.

D. Be gentle as the Holy Spirit is gentle.

Partnering with the Holy Spirit to create the Tip of the Spear/Sword (the WOG):

- The first four are primarily a product of the Holy Spirit but the second four are primarily up to you. Gentleness is a true 50-50 partnership.
- Love/self-control, joy/humility, peace/faith, patience/goodness, gentleness.
- Love and self-control put you on the Escalator of the Fruit of the Spirit.

Details of partnering with God.

- Joy comes from being in His presence.
- Humility comes from putting God first.

- Peace comes from your mind being fixed on Him.
- Faith is having your mind fixed on His Word.

- Patience is waiting for the timing of the Holy Spirit.
- Goodness is letting the glory (anointing) of the Holy Spirit out of you.

- Gentleness is a result of your partnering with God to mature in the Fruit of the Spirit so that, as you act and speak, the compassion of the Holy Spirit flows through you to others.

The Sword of the Spirit

Picturing the Word of God spoken through the laser focus of the Fruit of the Spirit.

