

## **GENTLENESS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Boaz saw the young woman gleaning in his fields. "Who was she?" he thought. He found out that she was the daughter-in-law of Naomi, a woman who had lost her husband and both her sons. Ruth, a foreigner, had stayed with Naomi to take care of her. With a gentle spirit, he told his men not to harm her in any way, but to drop extra grain for her. He allowed her to drink from his wells. He determined in his heart to repay her kindness with something she could use.

Memory Verse: 2 Samuel 22:36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great.

### **BIBLE LESSON**

Those that have taken on the name of Yahshua have taken on the fruit of the Spirit. A characteristic of that fruit is gentleness, or an act of kindness that is useful. Imagine being a judge in a courtroom. What kind of judge would you be? If you had the power, would you just "throw the book" at everyone in your courtroom, giving them the worst punishment possible, or would you look at each situation, and wield your power in a gentle way, giving mercy to whom mercy could benefit, and "throwing the book" at those that merited it? God has been gentle to us, not using his full power of judgment towards us when we deserve it. We must be gentle to our fellow servants in the Lord.

Jesus handles his people with power and gentleness. John 8:1-11, Matthew 11:28-30

Those that handle the Word of God must do it in love. 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12, 2 Timothy 2:22-26

Saints live the life of gentleness. James 3:13-18

### **APPLICATION**

There are people in our lives that need an act of kindness from us. How do you show those people kindness?

How can you go "out of your way" to show a kindness that is meaningful to someone?