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Fruit Is the Outward Expression of an Inward Nature

Matthew 7:16
You'll recognize them by their fruit.

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The Opposite of Gentleness
Roughness and Violence

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Gentleness is Displayed When You Have the Power to Subdue Someone, but You Choose Not To

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Matthew 11:29-30

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, **because I am lowly and humble in heart**, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

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Your Treatment of Others

Isaiah 40:11

He protects his flock like a shepherd; he gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them in the fold of his garment. He gently leads those that are nursing.

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Your Response to Others

1 Corinthians 4:21

What do you want? Should I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

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1 Peter 2:23

When he was insulted, he did not insult in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten but entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

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Your Speech to Others

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath.

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James 3:5-6

⁵ So too, though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts great things. Consider how a small fire sets ablaze a large forest. ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue, a world of unrighteousness, is placed among our members. It stains the whole body, sets the course of life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

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Psalms 51:17

The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. You will not despise a broken and humbled heart, God.

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