



GODLY, EQUIPPED, ACCOUNTABLE, AND RELIABLE MEN

We will use the book [*The Measure of a Man*](#) by Gene Getz, which draws on the apostle Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus to discover 20 attributes of a godly man.
Getting a copy of the book is encouraged but not required.

TREATING OTHER FAIRLY

Week 13 - February 22, 2021
Treating Other Fairly - 1Tim. 3:3

A. gentleness - *epiikees* - this Greek term conveys the meaning of “forbearing, moderating, reasonableness.”

1. Tom Landry's Greatest moment - after being fired by Jerry Jones
2. The Amplified Bible captures the meaning of *epiikees* - “Not combative but gentle and considerate, not quarrelsome but forbearing and peaceable.”
3. Thayer's lexicon - defines *epiikees* as “equitable and fair”

* **Biblical gentleness** means being considerate and fair while demonstrating patience and a peaceable spirit.

B. Paul's Example

1. **2 Cor. 10:1** - “Now I Paul urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ”
2. Paul goes on to hold the Corinthians accountable. He defends his apostleship and doesn't mince words. He is forceful but fair.
3. Paul refused to compromise. But he was fair-minded and compassionate in how he stood his ground.

C. Paul's instructions

1. **Titus 3:1-2** - Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.
2. Overcome evil with good - **Titus 3:3-11**
3. It is only by God's grace that we have been saved and delivered from the mire of sin and destruction.

D. Biblical Admonitions to gentleness

1. **Meek** - *prautees*: Gentle, mild, meek, humble (Gal. 5:22-23, Gal. 6:1, Eph. 4:1-2, Col. 3:12-13, 1 Tim. 6:11, 1 Pet. 3:15).
2. **Mild, Gentle** - *eepios*: (1 Thes. 2:7, 2 Tim. 2:24-25).

E. How to grow in gentleness

1. Come to know Christ personally
2. Study God's word
3. Pursue gentleness - 1 Tim. 6:11
4. Seek wisdom from above - James 3:17
5. Ask God for wisdom - James 1:5

