

Coburg Road Church of Christ
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View of Temple Mount from Possible Site of High Priest Caiaphas' House

Galatians 5:22f

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words

KINDNESS

Adj. (5543): chrestos χρηστος
“serviceable, good, pleasant, gracious, kind”

Verb (5541): chresteuomai χρηστευομαι
“to be kind”

Nouns (5544) chrestotes χρηστοτη
“goodness of heart, kindness”

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GOODNESS

Agathosune αγαθωσυνη

Trench, following Jerome, distinguishes between chrestotes and agathosune in that the former describes the kindlier aspects of "goodness," the latter includes also the sterner qualities by which doing "good" to others is not necessarily by gentle means. He illustrates agathosunei by the act of Christ in cleansing the temple and in denouncing the scribes and Pharisees; but he illustrates chrestotes by His dealings with the penitent woman in Luke 7:37-50.

Lightfoot regards chrestotes as a kindly disposition towards others; agathosune as a kindly activity on their behalf.

Various Bible Dictionaries

MEEKNESS

prautes, or praotes, πραυτης

Easton: A calm temper of mind, not easily provoked

Holman: Gentleness and humility. Controlled power.

Nelson: Humility toward God and gentleness toward men

Unger: Gentleness

DEFINITION SEEN IN GOD HIMSELF

Luke 6:35

Love your enemies, do good, lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great. You will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.

Ephesians 4:31f

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Colossians 3:12f

As those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

DEFINITION SEEN IN PAUL

1 Thessalonians 2:9

We proved to be gentle among you,
as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children.



DEFINITION SEEN IN DORCAS

Acts 9:36

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity
which she continually did.

Gentleness, Kindness, Meekness
(seen in God, Paul, & Dorcas)
come from strength



PROOF OF WISDOM

James 3:13

Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.



Persuasive Power

Romans 2:4 the kindness of God leads you to repentance

2 Timothy 2:25f With gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Galatians 6:1 If anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness



Full of Promise

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the gentle,
for they
shall inherit the earth."



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