

HOLY SPIRIT: A GENTLE SPIRIT

“Wives... let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God... Husbands... dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife...” (I Peter 3:4, 7).

Peter applies the principle of gentleness to both husbands and wives. In wives it is revealed in quietness. In husbands it manifests itself in understanding and honoring their wives. Gentleness is the opposite of being mean and nasty. It is a part of being kind. Gentleness is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:23). Gentleness is the result of walking in the Spirit. “If (since) we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25). According to the Peter’s writing, gentleness is an uncorrupted beauty produced in the spirit. The fruit of the Holy Spirit provides a portrait of the spirit of Jesus. It is the spirit possessed by Jesus that the Holy Spirit wants to produce in us. Gentleness is related to meekness (not weakness). Gentleness should define us as followers of Jesus. It is to be a part of our life and walk. This only comes from the intentional crucifixion of the flesh in order to walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:24). Gentleness is a part of walking in the light (Ephesians 5:8-10). To walk in the light is to walk in the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). A gentle spirit is “precious in the sight of God.” Let us not forget Who is watching.