### FRUITION – GENTLENESS – Part 8

### Allowing God to Produce Spiritual Fruit in Your Life

Galatians 5:22-23 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

GENTLENESS: The POWER of my potential under God's control.

## P-I PLACE MY PERSONALITY UNDER GOD'S CONTROL

Ephesians 3:20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

### You can't have the fruits without the roots.

John 15:4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

## O - I PLACE MY OUTLOOK UNDER GOD'S CONTROL

Phil 2:4-5 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

James 4:1-2 What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? 2You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them.

James 3:16 Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and every kind of evil.

### W - I PLACE MY WORDS UNDER GOD'S CONTROL

James 3:6-8 And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. 7People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, 8but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.

Luke 6:45 A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

Ephesians 4:29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good andhelpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

# E – I PLACE MY EXPECTAIONS UNDER GOD'S CONTROL

Proverbs 15:4 Gentle words are a tree of life.

Ephesians 4:2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

## **R - I PLACE MY RESPONSES UNDER GOD'S CONTROL**

### Gentle people are proactive not reactive.

Prov. 16:32 Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city.

Proverbs 15:2 The tongue of the wise makes knowledge appealing, but the mouth of the fool belches out foolishness.