

Let Your Gentleness Be Known to All Men

Philippians 4:5

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Main Point:

When others sin against you, respond with Christ-like gentleness, knowing that the Lord is near.

1. You will be sinned against by believers and unbelievers.
2. When people sin against you, you will be tempted to respond in sin.
3. Respond with Christ-like gentleness.
4. Respond with Christ-like gentleness because the Lord is near.

Quotations and Cross-References

John 15:19¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. (ESV)

Frank Thielman “The term ‘gentleness’ ... was often used of an attitude of kindness where the normal or expected response was retaliation.”

Romans 12:21²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (NKJV)

William Hendriksen “The Christian is the man who reasons that it is far better to *suffer* wrong than to *inflict* wrong.”

1 Peter 2:23²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; (NKJV)

Isaiah 53:7⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. (NKJV)

Romans 12:19¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." (ESV)