

FRUIT NINJA

SLICING OPEN THE FRUIT OF GENTLENESS

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Gentleness Means...

Power Under _____

For A Bigger _____.

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 12:14-21 But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus. ¹⁵ Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. Many followed him, and he healed all their sick,¹⁶ warning them not to tell who he was.¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:¹⁸ "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets.²⁰ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory.²¹ In his name the nations will put their hope."

John 18:1-11 When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and he and his disciples went into it.² Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples.³ So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.⁴ Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"⁵ "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.)⁶ When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.⁷ Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."⁸ "I told you that I am he," Jesus answered. "If you are looking for me, then let these men go."⁹ This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)¹¹ Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

The One Thing:

Gentleness _____

The Door For Jesus To _____!

Three Difficult Situations

1. Be Gentle When Someone Is _____

In _____!

Galatians 6:1 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.

2. Be Gentle When I Feel _____!

Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.²⁵ Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,²⁶ and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

3. Be Gentle When Someone Is _____

About My _____!

1 Peter 3:15-16 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.