

MOE noun

vīb / plural vibes

A person's emotional state as communicated to others; the atmosphere created by the disposition of our being.

A practical description of a deeply spiritual reality.

But the Fruit of the Spirit is . . .

1: Love, Joy, Peace: Fruit For Our Hearts

2: Patience, Kindness, Goodness: Fruit for Our Relationships

3: Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control: Fruit For Our Battles

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)





The Vibe of Gentleness

Gentleness

Greek "Praus" – translated interchangeably into Gentleness, Meekness, Humility

- Blessed are the <u>meek</u>, for they will inherit the earth.
- Matthew 5:5 (NIV)
- God blesses those who are <u>humble</u>, for they will inherit the whole earth. Matthew 5:5 (NLT)
- Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

 Matthew 5:5 (NASB)

Gentleness

The attitude of heart that tempers our strengths, opens our spirits to be teachable, and makes us gracious even when we're right. Its opposite is arrogance, selfish ambition, and stubbornness.

The Vibe of Gentleness

I don't have to be the first and I don't have to be right, I just want to honor the Lord. ¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

James 3:13-16 (NIV)

Gentleness is the Attitude Vibe

Humility opens the door to wisdom Arrogance closes the door to wisdom

Arrogance opens the door to the flesh Humility closes the door to the flesh

Humility Makes Us Tameable

Bucephalus

Alexander the Great's War Horse



Given as a gift to Alexander's father, Philip II, the horse was too unmanageable and vicious and would not allow anyone to mount him.

Alexander, just a boy, took the challenge of taming the horse, and was quickly ridiculed by the older man around him.

Alexander did tame the horse and went on to create one of the largest empires in the world while undefeated in battle. Bucephalus served as Alexander's war horse for nearly twenty years until he died in battle.

Humility Makes Us Teachable

Simone Biles U.S. Women's Gymnast



- Combined total of 30 Olympic and World Championship Medals
- Considered by many to be the greatest gymnast ever
- Began training at the age of 8, and by the age of 15 was training 32 hours a week while homeschooling

Humility overcomes our personal "Defense Mechanisms," causing us to avoid the truths that are meant to transform us into His image.

Wyntons Marsalis

Recipient of Pulitzer Prize for Music 9-Time Grammy Award Winner

"Humility engenders learning because it beats back the arrogance that puts blinders on. It leaves you open for truths to reveal themselves. You don't stand in your own way . . . Do you know how you can tell when someone is truly humble? I believe there's one simple test: because they consistently observe and listen, the humble improve. They don't assume, 'I know the way.""

Humility Opens Us to Wisdom from Above



Humility Makes Us Servants

I am His currency. He may spend me as He chooses!

Pastor Phil Schneider