

# Gentleness

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When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a **violent wind** came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

ROOT & FRUIT

- Power and gentleness are NOT opposites
- Counterfeit = weakness, social sweetness
- Gentleness = strength under control for the good of others

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## ALL BELIEVERS

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, <sup>2</sup> to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

Titus 3:1-2 (NIV)

# All Spiritual Influence Flows From Gentleness

## EVANGELISM

...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet **do it with gentleness and respect...**

1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

## DISCIPLESHIP

Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. <sup>7</sup> But we were **gentle among you**, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.

1 Thessalonians 2:6-7 (ESV)

## SPIRITUAL CARE

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Galatians 6:1 (ESV)

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“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30 (NASB)

## How To Cultivate Gentleness:

- HUMILITY

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:1-2 (NIV)

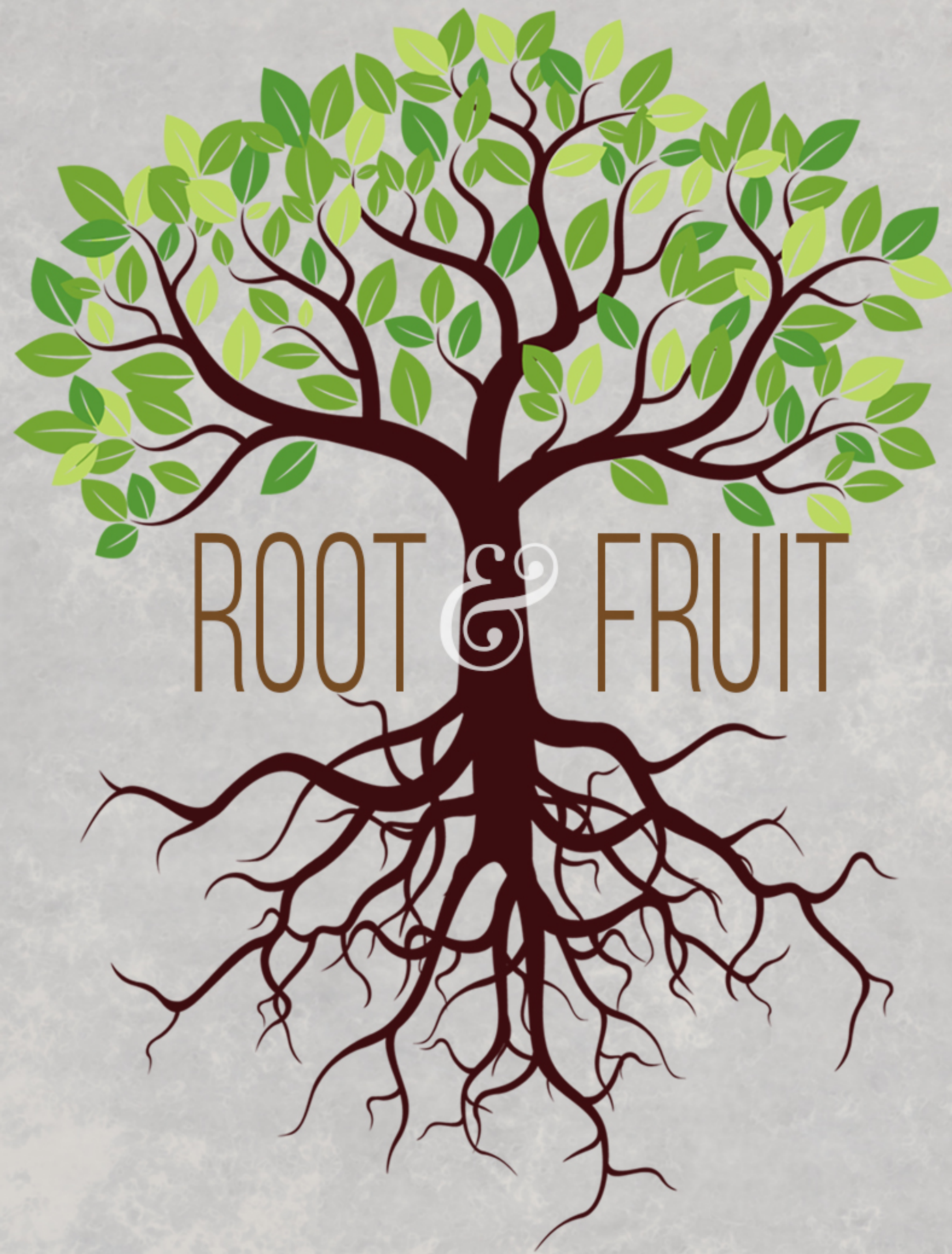
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