

The Gentleness of Christ: Being a Gentle Worker
(1 Kings 19:1-21; John 4:31-34; Colossians 4:1; Ephesians 6:5-9)

Quench Life Christian Fellowship

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A. What is a _____ according to _____?

A **gentle worker** is someone who approaches their job with **calmness, kindness, empathy, and patience**, prioritizing **respectful and considerate interactions** with colleagues, clients, and others in the workplace. This concept blends the general meaning of “gentle” — **free from harshness, soft, and kind** with the professional context of work culture and personality traits. According to personality and workplace research, gentle workers often display: Calm and patient demeanor, **conflict avoidance**, respectful communication, and adaptability... In short, a gentle worker is not just “nice” — they are a professional who combines **emotional intelligence**, patience, and respect in their daily work, **creating a positive and inclusive environment** for everyone around them (*AI overview from dictionary and psychology sources*)

*Galatians 1:10 Am I now trying to **win the approval of human beings, or of God?** Or am I trying to please people? **If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.** NIV*

B. What is a gentle _____ from _____?

1. A human being who has been _____ in Christ Jesus.

*1 John 5:1 **Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God**, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. NIV*

*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.” NIV*

2. A born-again human being who is _____.

*2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “**The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.**” NIV*

3. A born-again person who _____ there’s _____ and _____ work to do.

*Mark 6:1-3a **Jesus left there and went to his hometown**, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, **he began to teach in the synagogue**, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “**What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?**” ³ **Isn’t this the carpenter?** NIV*

*Ephesians 2:10 For we are God’s handiwork, **created in Christ Jesus to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do. NIV*

4. A born-again person who _____.

John 5:17 In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” NIV

John 5:14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” NIV

C. How should gentle workers _____?

1. They should have a _____ to _____ the _____.

*John 4:33-34 Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”
34 “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. NIV*

2. They should understand there’s _____ to get the _____.

John 9:4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. NIV

3. When it gets _____, they should _____ for God’s _____.

*1 Kings 19:3-4, 11-12 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while **he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness.** He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. **“I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.”** ¹¹ The Lord said, **“Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”** Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, **but the Lord was not in the wind.** After the wind there was an earthquake, **but the Lord was not in the earthquake.** ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, **but the Lord was not in the fire.** And after the fire came **a gentle whisper.** NIV*

4. They must _____ their _____ as they _____.

*Ephesians 6:5-8 **Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.** ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor **when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.** ⁷ **Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,** ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. NIV*

5. They must _____ as well.

*1 Peter 2:18-21 **Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.** ¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering **because they are conscious of God.** ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? **But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.** ²¹ To this you were called, **because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.** NIV*