

7-7-18
Tenderness

Dearest Ones,

The day has come when I must go forward with my plans to finish the work in righteousness and holiness of purpose. I will lead my flock with gentleness and protect them from all the assaults of the devil who would destroy them in a moment if I permitted him to do so. But I am the mighty defender of my people who love me and keep my Commandments, and to these I will be a wall of fire and protection.

Now for the topic of today. It is "tenderness." Satan is a lover of power and he has imbued this characteristic into fallen humanity. All around you, you can see this demonstrated in families, nations, and individuals. You can see the lust for power and control over others that results in arguments and violence the world over. If you could see what I see every moment of the day and night, you would be more aware of the results of Satan's original premise to take the throne of heaven and rule the universe. Thus, the world and its inhabitants are largely under his control and have assimilated his character. That is why I am bringing the reign of sin to an end, and bringing in righteousness and peace and love for those who have chosen the principles of my kingdom.

Therefore, I want to speak about the quality of tenderness today, because it is a vital element of love and perfection of character. Gentleness is a twin to it, and together make my followers a reflection of my character. I have specifically created every living thing to respond to a spirit of love as displayed in the character qualities of tenderness and gentleness. When a baby is born these qualities help the child to feel safe, valued, respected, and loved, and help to implant these same characteristics in their developing emotions. But how many children are treated with harshness, rudeness, and even violence, so of course this creates the same character qualities in them and does untold damage to their development. They, in turn, will pass these same qualities on to their children, and so forth.

Many church problems are caused by grown-up children who bring their warped character development into the church and think that the way their parents handled them is the way to handle everyone in the home, the church, and society. But my people are to be trained and equipped with the opposite characteristics founded upon love and respect, gentleness and tenderness, for the power of love is the greatest power in the universe. It can conquer the rudeness of others and provide peace where there was no peace; tranquility and happiness where there was only anger and resentment.

Of course, I know that not everyone will respond even to love, because they have already accepted the devil's policies and are in agreement with him. But I want the members of my kingdom to learn from me, for I am meek and lowly of heart [Matt. 11:29], and I do not use force and violence to get my way. If the power of love does not win hearts, then nothing else will. So I invite all of you to remember that you are to be a paragon of blessings to everyone around you,

and every act you do from a heart and motive of love will come back to you sevenfold, for it is born of heaven and blessed by my Spirit to bring forth a harvest of righteousness and peace throughout eternity.

So today and every day remember that I am waiting to love others through your hands, your feet, your voice, your acts of kindness in my behalf to those around you, and heaven will begin for my beloved ones even here in this world where violence and hatred and suffering abounds almost everywhere.

Now be blessed today as you associate with each other and let the peace of heaven energize and fill you with the fruits of the Spirit of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance [Gal. 5:22, 23] - and let the atmosphere of heaven bring you gladness and joy! Lovingly, Jesus.