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I. Longsuffering Through the Spirit

Galatians 5:22, 23; Ephesians 4:1-3; James 5:7-11

1. The apostle Peter said God "is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish" (2 Peter 3:9). What do you think this means? Have you experienced God's longsuffering?

2. Can you name an Old Testament prophet of the Lord who endured much suffering for the Lord but remained faithful to the Lord? How does this prophet inspire you to remain faithful?

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II. Gentleness Through the Spirit

Proverbs 15:1; 2 Timothy 2:23-26; Titus 3:1-5

1. Can you tell of a specific occasion when someone was being rude or unkind to you, but the Holy Spirit helped you respond gently? What was the result?

2. Why do you think Paul thought it necessary to instruct Timothy to be gentle with those who were causing strife in the church? How can we be both gentle and firm at the same time?

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III. Goodness Through the Spirit

Luke 10:30-37; Ephesians 4:21-32; Ephesians 5:8-10

1. Jesus is the "Good Shepherd," and as His flock, we are called by Him to do good to one another. How would you explain what "doing good" to one another is?

2. As believers in Christ, we are called by Him to a new manner of living (lifestyle) distinctly different from that of the unbelieving world. How would you describe this difference?

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DEFINITIONS

- 1. Patience
- 2. Perseverance
- 3. Longsuffering
- 4. Gentleness
- 5. Contentious
- 6. Goodness
- 7. Strength
- 8. Mercy