

## TOUGH AND TENDER – Part 2

11/16/24

- Today – Opportunity to give two presentations
  - Comment – I decided to have subjects that work well together
  - Title – “Tough and Tender – Part 2”
  - The first presentation – focused upon God and Christ being both tough and tender
  - This second presentation – will discuss reminders for us to be both tough and tender
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- Notice Paul’s approach in 2 Corinthians 10:1-2

2 Cor. 10:1-2                      meekness & gentleness – when necessary, progressing to boldness

- Recommended approach for most relationships
- A few exceptions = wise to start firm  
Teacher.....Boss in the workplace
- A parent – starts very gentle – quickly teaches boundaries  
Newborn = cuddle, hold  
Young child = learning the word “no”  
As the child grows = appropriate rules

- Examples of tough love

1 Tim. 5:20                      when appropriate – “rebuke in the presence of all” – that the rest may learn

1 Cor. 5:5                      “deliver such a one”

9                      “not to keep company”

2 Cor. 2:8-11                      “reaffirm your love to him”

- Examples of tenderness

Gal. 6:1                      restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness

John 8:1-11                      the Son of God showed compassion upon the woman

Rom. 14:1                      receive one who is weak in the faith – but not to disputes

2                      differences of convictions

19                      pursue the things that make for peace and edification

23                      judgment based upon your faith

1 John 3:4 – James 4:17 – Romans 14:23

James 3:17-18 characteristics

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| · pure             | · full of good fruits |
| · gentle           | · without partiality  |
| · willing to yield | · without hypocrisy   |
| · full of mercy    |                       |