



Welcome to the 2023-2024 AWANA Club!
 Your leaders for this year are **Susan and John McSpadden, Ashley Rhodes, & Cleo Machado**
 The Awana Director is **Susan McSpadden**
 Our webpage: sbcsouthhadley.org/AWANA

Calendar

05/10: Hawaiian Day!
 05/17: Store
 05/24: Last Day! Award Celebration



Happy Birthday To:
Lucca P-M: 05/09
Elizabeth M: 05/26
Tage F: 05/27

Bible Pledge

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide its words in my heart, that I might not sin against God.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

T&T Announcements: May 3, 2024

Only 2 more club nights to make up any missed lessons to earn the end-of-year book award! Next week is our Hawaiian night - have fun dressing for the islands of beautiful Hawaii!

This week's verse: 1 Timothy 6:11 "But you are a man of God, so stay away from all bad things. Try to live in the right way, serve God, have faith, love, patience, and gentleness."

Section 4.6 Discovery of Gentleness and Self-Control

1. **1 Timothy 6:11.** This verse is telling us to pursue 6 things and make them our goal. What are those things?
2. Gentleness (or meekness) is not weakness. It doesn't mean you let people treat you however they want. It is "power under control." It is a humble and gentle attitude that doesn't seek revenge. This means you have to exercise self-control. Having self-control means denying what our sinful nature may want to do. It is choosing to walk in a manner worthy of God instead of making a choice based on how you feel. What would that look like?
3. As Jesus was hanging on the cross, He prayed to God about the soldiers who hung Him there and threw lots to decide who would get his clothes. What did he pray? **Luke 23:34.** Jesus had been beaten, put on trial, made fun of, and nailed to a cross. He had every right to be angry and to react badly. But He is God and is our best example of gentleness and self-control. Instead of reacting, He forgave.
4. **Acts 7:57-60.** Stephen was a man chosen by the disciples (after Jesus ascended into Heaven) to help take care of the people. He was considered a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit. He was being stoned to death because he was accusing Jewish leaders of being stubborn and purposefully evil. God opened the Heavens and showed him Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand. When Stephen told the leaders this, they stoned him to death. Instead of shouting back at his attackers, he prayed that God would forgive them. That kind of gentleness and self-control can only come from God and His grace. When someone makes you angry, how does God want you to react?

T&T Verses

GENTLENESS OR MEEKNESS - power under control

PURSUE - follow hard after something (some versions use this word in 1 Tim 6:11)

SELF-CONTROL - restraining sinful passions and desires

1 Timothy 6:11 “But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.”

Luke 23:34 “Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing. And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.”

Acts 7:57-60 “Then they put their hands over their ears and began shouting. They rushed at him and dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. His accusers took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they stoned him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” He fell to his knees, shouting, “Lord, don’t charge them with this sin!” And with that, he died.