

The Blessed Life

A Study of the Beatitudes

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Message Title: The Meek

Message Text: Matthew 5:5

Introduction:

Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Jesus wants His followers to be different. Different from the rest of the world and different from man-centers religious traditions. He preach the sermon on the mount in an effort to announce a sort of constitution for His yet future millennial kingdom as well as the spiritual kingdom He was setting up in the hearts of those who would believe on Him. His message was counter-cultural and for growing believers, very challenging. So far He has called His disciples to have an attitude of humility before God, brokenness over sin and now submission before God and gentleness toward their fellowman. This beatitude is rich with application and we will do well as we heed the voice of our Savior.

1. The _____ of Meekness

A. It is _____

MEEKNESS IS NOT _____, BUT STRENGTH UNDER
_____.

1 Thessalonians 2:7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

2 Timothy 2:24-25 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, ²⁵ In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

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B. It is Based in _____

QUOTE: It is impossible, indeed, that “the poor in spirit” and “the mourners” in Zion should not at the same time be “meek”. —JFB

1 Corinthians 6:7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?

Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

1 Peter 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

QUOTE: ‘Meekness is essentially a true view of oneself, expressing itself in attitude and conduct with respect to others ... The man who is truly meek is the one who is truly amazed that God and man can think of him as well as they do and treat him as well as they do.’ This makes him gentle, humble, sensitive, patient in all his dealings with others. —Martin-Loyd Jones

2. The _____ of Meekness

A. A _____ Path

DEFINITION—BLESSED: characterized by happiness and being highly favored (as by divine grace); joy for those involved; opposite of woe or curse.

Quote: Happiness is a subjective state, whereas Jesus is making an objective judgement about these people. —John Stott

Psalms 147:6 The Lord lifteth up the meek: He casteth the wicked down to the ground.

B. A _____ Path

Psalms 22:26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: They shall praise the Lord that seek him: Your heart shall live for ever.

Proverbs 27:20 Hell and destruction are never full; So the eyes of man are never satisfied.

C. A _____ Path

Psalm 25:9 The meek will he guide in judgment, And the meek will he teach his way.

D. A _____ Path

Psalm 37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

E. A _____ Path

Isaiah 29:19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, And the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

F. A Rewarded Path

Psalm 37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Note: It often appears that the wicked man excels, but God promises the meek will win.

Psalm 37:7–8 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath, Fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

3. The _____ of Meekness

A. Meekness toward _____

Galatians 5:22–23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

MEEKNESS IS PRODUCED THROUGH _____ TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

NOTE: To the world, meekness implies condescension. To the believer it implies submission.

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

QUOTE: The meek are those who quietly submit themselves to God, to His Word and to His rod, who follow His directions, and comply with His designs.

B. Meekness toward _____

MEEKNESS IS EVIDENCED IN _____.

Titus 3:2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

MEEKNESS AND A STAND FOR TRUTH ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE.

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

MEEKNESS IS A VALUABLE QUALITY FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN MAN AND LADY.

Matthew 21:5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

1 Peter 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

Conclusion:

Exodus 2:12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

Numbers 12:3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

Matthew 11:28–30 Come unto me, all ye that labour [for your own way] and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



Conclusion
