

The Attribute of Meekness

by Sam Willcut

Meekness is an important quality in Christianity. Please consider this subject for further study.

First, notice meekness defined.

Thayer defines this concept as “gentleness, mildness.” Meekness is one of the attributes of “the fruit of the Spirit” (Gal. 5:22-23). It is also one of the attitudes that Jesus mentioned necessary in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:5). Paul tells the young preacher Timothy to ensue such (1 Tim. 6:11). It is one of the attributes Christians are encouraged to apply as a part of our new life (Col. 3:12). It is a part of the worthy vocation (Eph. 4:2). The psalmist describes it this way: “The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way...But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace...The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground” (Ps. 25:9; 37:11; 147:6).

Next, notice meekness exemplified. The Bible mentions two specific people who were meek. The first one was Moses. A parenthetical statement in Numbers 12:3 reads: “Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.” The statement is profound considering the context in which the book of Numbers records it. His own family (Aaron and Miriam) were complaining against him. Considering all of the troubles and trials that he faced in leading such a large nation from Egypt to Canaan for several decades, meekness must be an important trait for leaders—the ability to handle

rejection and complaints with gentleness. The other example—one that is perfect—is our Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah prophesied concerning such in Isaiah 11:14. He Himself invited humanity with such when He said, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matt. 11:28-30). We find His meekness pictured in His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, not riding a great, white stallion, but a lowly donkey: “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” (Matt. 21:5). Even the apostle Paul appealed to “the meekness and gentleness of Christ” (2 Cor. 10:1).

Now, notice meekness applied. We are to use meekness in restoring our wayward brethren (Gal. 6:1) and our brethren who leave the truth (2 Tim. 2:24-26). Paul asked, “Shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?” (1 Cor. 4:21). It is a characteristic of elders (Titus 3:2). Spouses who are married to non-Christians especially need such in their relationship (cf. 1 Pet. 3:4). All Christians need such as a part of our faith—“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Pet. 3:15).

May all of us realize the importance of this attribute and seek to perfect it in our lives.



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Prayer List

Mary Butler came forward last Sunday asking for the prayers of the congregation for her and Donal. They are both struggling with health issues and she is doing some therapy.

Ellene French also came forward Sunday asking for our prayers.

Polly Miller is not doing well and has many health problems. Please, keep her in your prayers.

Jan Ross is struggling with several health issues and is in a lot of pain. Please, remember her in prayer.

Continue to Remember: Yvonne Ainsworth, Robert Bess, Don Bowen, Velma McDougald, Eula Parrish, Rita Compton, Sue Dosser, Meagan Gould, Dalton McCullough, Carl Schmidt, Jayme Shafer.

Service Men: Clay Bayes, Jason Book, Alston Compton, Robert Johnson, Josh Moehring, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, Ryan Stewart, Morgan Weaver, Payton Weaver

Announcements

We Rejoice that Thomas Saunders obeyed the gospel Monday evening in baptism.

We Also Rejoice that Tanner Bearden was baptized Tuesday morning.

Vacation Bible School This Week. Join us Monday through Wednesday from 5:30 - 8:00 PM to learn how we can all be "His Hero." **Invitation Cards are available on a table in the foyer.** Please, pick some up and invite your friends and neighbors!

Corrine Blackwell's Memorial Service will be this Saturday, July 18 at 11:00 AM here in our auditorium. Ferman Carpenter will officiate.

Mission Trip This Saturday. Meet at the building by 7:00 AM. The bus will pull out at 7:45 AM. We will be returning Thursday, July 23.

We Still Need a Few VBS Helpers to monitor children and help guide them from area to area each evening. Please, sign up in the foyer.

We Need Toilet Paper Tubes for VBS Crafts. Please, bring any you can collect to the office or give them to Lindsay Olsen or Debbie Wylie by Tuesday night.

Online Registration for our Leadership Initiative, "Radical," is now open. All young men, aged 13-20,

are encouraged to join us July 31 - Aug. 2. **Register online now** at www.westhillchurchofchrist.org.

Discipleship University at Dripping Springs Church of Christ will be August 7-9. We will leave here at 9:00 AM Friday morning. Register online at dschurchofchrist.com.

Our Benevolence Program is providing school supplies to underprivileged children at Navarro Elementary this fall. (No donations needed.) This has opened the door for more volunteer opportunities at Navarro Elementary this year. If you'd be interested in volunteering, please sign up in the foyer.

Birthdays This Week

July 12 - Keitha McDougald

July 14 - Debbie Banks

July 16 - Donal Butler, Rachel Williams

July 17 - Joshua Haden, Kim Jayroe, Cory Myers

July 18 - Joshua Blaylock

Next Week's Class

Esther Petitions the King
Esther 7-10

Records for July 5, 2015

Bible Class	157
AM Worship.....	225
PM Worship.....	137
Wednesday	n/a
Contribution	\$8,025.00

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	Cory Myers
Opening Prayer	Percell Milton
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Wade Braly	Tim Cooke
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