**God's Character Goals for Our Lives**

**True Humility**

**Intro:**

**1. Remember - The beatitudes are exclamations. "You are so fortunate when ... because .. !"**

**2. These beatitudes are the character traits He is molding into you so you can experience the final results!**

***Matthew 5:5***

**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

**I. What Do You Mean When You Say "Meek"?**

**A. Meek (πραΰς) = gentleness, humbleness. But it's more than that!**

**1. Aristotle: "It's the happy medium between excessive anger & no anger at all."**

**a. It's being angry at the right time & never angry at the wrong time.**

**b. It's having your instincts & passions under control.**

**2. It came to be used for an animal (horse, dog, etc.) which was domesticated, submissive to it's master's control. You have the power but choose not to use it - "a gentleness of strength".**

**3. Then it came to mean "recognizing your own weakness or ignorance" - being able to see yourself realistically!**

**B. Examples:**

**1. Moses. Num 12:3 - Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.**

**2. Lord Jesus. Matt 11:28.30 - Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.**

**a. ILL: Jesus could have summoned 12 legions of angels (Matt 26:51-53). (36,000 to 72,000)**

**b. But He didn't. He was resolved to go to the cross!**

**C. How do you express meekness in your life?**

**1. Tit 3:2 - Slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.**

**2. Col 3:12 - Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.**

**3. I Tim 6:11 - But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.**

**4. Gal 6:1 - Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.**

**5. Jam 1:21 - Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.**

**II. When Meekness is Evident in Your Life,
What Do You Inherit?**

**A. There are two words for “world” in the New Testament.**

**1. Cosmos (κόσμος) = world, universe, order, arrangement, earthly society in contrast to the family of God.**

**2. Gay (γῆ) = the actual earth, land apart from the people who dwell on it. This is the word here.**

**B. Matt 5:5 is a quote from Ps 37:11 - But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.**

**1. What is meant by "land" here? The "land" promised here was the Promised Land, the land of Canaan, the country of Israel.**

**2. When the Jews thought of this land it was similar to what we think of as heaven - it is God's land & He has given it to us!**

**C. God has promised His children a home in His presence forever! It's His land; His place! Jn 14:1.2 - Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.**

**God sometimes uses trials to mold in you
the character trait of meekness!
But, compared to eternity, this life is so short!
Be patient & let God develop in you
the "gentle strength" of meekness!**