

# 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** (πραῦς) = 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!**

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