

LAWS FOR LIVING IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5 Part 3 Meekness

Nine Beautiful Attitudes! Attitudes We Need to Have! Blessed = Contentment

Island of Crete—makarios that they had all they needed for life and more

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

² *Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:*

³ *Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

⁴ *Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.*

⁵ **Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.**

⁶ *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.*

The Beatitudes are not what we have or do but what we **ARE**—Character traits.

When we die we leave behind all we have and all we've done and take with us all we are!!!

THE DEFINITION OF MEEKNESS

⁴ **Blessed are the MEEK** Meekness is NOT **Weakness** It is **Controlled Strength!**

Meek = Gr. praú-tēs Aristotle said "it is in between anger without reason and anger all the time"
Anger at the right time World does not define meekness correctly
Before Jesus, Moses was the MEEKEST of all men on earth!

WORLD'S WAY #1 Gospel Self-Assertion no restraint, let the horse run wild

Nietzsche "Get rid of your pious priests and their weak-livered gospel of mercy. Purge out of your souls this disease, this devil of Christianity. Progress depends on the strong men and the strong peoples."

WORLD'S WAY #2 Gospel Self-Restraint not run wild, but want to hamstring horse

Bhudda What causes difficulty is your desires are frustrated, can't achieve, so you need negate desires!
No desires = no disappointment = nirvana

JESUS WAY Controlled strength "meek the horse" Submit your desires and strengths to HIM!
...so now present [yield] your members [body] as slaves of righteousness for holiness. Romans 6:19

² *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*
Romans 12:1-2

THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEEKNESS—JESUS WAY

1. You Must Be COME to the **SON OF GOD**

²⁸ *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you **and learn from Me, for I am meek** and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."* Matthew 11:28-30 [NKJV]

Proverbs 13:15 "the way of the transgressor is hard"

2. You Must Be RECEIVE the **WORD OF GOD**

²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive **with meekness** the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. James 1:21 [NKJV]

“receive” = *dechōmai* welcome with humility welcome the word do everything it says!!!

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and **to make us realize what is wrong** in our lives. **It corrects us when we are wrong** and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work. II Tim 3:16-17

3. You Must be FILLED with the **SPIRIT OF GOD**

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ **meekness**, self-control. Matthew 5:22-23 [KJV]

DESTINATION OF MEEKNESS Now and Later

NOW ²¹ So don't boast about following a particular human leader. **For everything belongs to you** — ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Peter, or the world, or life and death, or the present and the future. **Everything belongs to you**, ²³ and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God. I Corinthians 3:21-22

¹⁰ Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. **We own nothing, and yet we have everything.** 2 Corinthians 6:10

LATER “....thy kingdom come thy will be done...” Matthew 6:10 (Revelation 19-21)