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- a. What it is **NOT**.
- b. What it IS.

#### 2. Where does meekness come from?

- a. Meekness flows out of \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Meekness is founded on \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Meekness comes from \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 3. What is our inheritance?

- a. It is a promise of \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- b. It is Christ \_\_\_\_\_.

#### For Personal Reflection or Discussion:

- How are you responding to the people around you? What about those who annoy you or oppose you?
- How did Christ respond in meekness? Were these responses weak or cowardly?
- Why isn't meekness natural to us? How will you become meek?
- What are you most looking forward to about heaven? Is your affection for Christ Himself above all or for the benefits that Christ gives?



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# **Jewish Expectations**

#### John 6:15

Jesus therefore perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force, to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.

#### Luke 22:38

And they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

# Jesus' Teaching

Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

Psalm 37:11

"But the meek will inherit the land and will delight themselves in abundant prosperity."

# What is meekness?

What it is **NOT**.

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# Meekness is NOT natural.

# **Galatians 5:16-23**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **meekness**, self-control; against such things there is no law.

# What is meekness?

What it is not.

What it **IS**.

#### **Matthew 11:29**

"Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls."

Jesus is the fulfillment and example of meekness.

# Meekness is a gentle disposition toward others, especially when under provocation.

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#### Galatians 6:1

Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted.

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# Meekness is a gentle disposition when wronged.

#### 2 Timothy 2:24

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### 2 Timothy 2:24-25

And the Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth.

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# Where does it come from?

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# Matthew 4:17 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Poverty of spirit leads to humility which leads to meekness.

The opposite of meekness is not power; it is pride.

### James 4:6-10

God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble...

Cleanse your hands you sinners...be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom.

Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

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#### 1 Peter 2:23

And while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, **but kept entrusting Himself** to Him who judges righteously.

Jesus was meek because He trusted the justice of His Father.

Are you entrusting yourself to the God of all justice?

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You cannot live separately from Christ and maintain meekness.

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#### John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Jesus receives us to Himself; our place is with Him.

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# Is it Christ you love or is it His blessings?

# A Gospel Chain Are you poor in spirit? Do you mourn sin? Is this leading you to meekness?