

The Inheritance of the Humble

Matthew 5:5

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

A revolutionary, counter-cultural, conventional wisdom-defying aphorism ...

A working definition of "meekness"

"Meekness is a true view of oneself, expressing itself in attitude and conduct with respect to others ... The man who is truly meek is the one who is truly amazed that God and man can think of him as well as they do and treat him as well as they do.' This makes him gentle, humble, sensitive, patient in all his dealings with others."

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Two biblical examples of "meekness":

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³ Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. (Numbers 12:3)

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²⁸ Come to me, all 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 gentle** 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)

What is it to be "meek"?

Meekness is ...

Not a personality trait, but a _____ trait ...

Not weakness, but strength _____

Not timidity, but _____ to God's will

Not passivity, but _____ in God's promises

Meekness is expressed in ...

_____ ... Even when I can't see His plans fulfilled yet

_____ ... Even when I can't figure out what He's doing

_____ ... Even if it doesn't seem to _____ me (and actually does the opposite)

_____ ... Even when I want to assert myself or display my own strength

_____ ... Instead of relying on myself.

What do the meek receive?

A new and better _____! (Psalm 37)

(Romans 7:24-25a)