

**Matthew 5:5 –**

**“Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth!”**

A definition of Meekness

Simply stated – meekness is strength under control., Contrary to general English language usage, meekness is not weakness!

Meekness is harnessing the passions and dispositions of the heart and clothing them with a gentle spirit.

Vines Dictionary of Biblical Words defines meekness as:

“The fruit of power” which has the infinite resources of God at its command.”

Meekness is closely aligned with “Gentleness” and “self-control” which of course is “The fruit of the Spirit” (Gal 5:22)

Therefore meekness – gentleness – self-control is produced supernaturally by the Holy Spirit. Meekness is not preoccupied with self – at all – but rather completely occupied with God and others.

Meekness is the opposite of:

Arrogance

Pride

Ego

Self-exaltation

Haughtiness

Self-will

“Meekness is not weakness but strength under the control of the Spirit.”

Meekness forgets about self and concentrates all its energy on Trusting God and putting others before our self- agenda and that takes tremendous strength!

This beatitude is a direct quote from Psalm 37:11 – “But the Meek will inherit the Land and enjoy peace.”

The meek Trust in God

They believe that he will work for them and vindicate them when others oppose them.

Biblical meekness is rooted in the deep confidence that God is for you and not against you.

The meek commit their way to the Lord .

" Meek people give their "way"—their business, their problems, their relationships, their health, their fears, their frustrations—they give all onto the Lord.

They admit that they are insufficient to cope with the complexities and pressures and obstacles of life, and they trust that God is able and willing to sustain them and guide them and protect them.

They are still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

First, they discover that God can be trusted. Then, second, they commit their way to him. And then, third, they wait patiently in stillness for the work of God in their lives.

This doesn't mean they become lazy. It means that they're free of wild excitement. They have a kind of steady calm that comes from knowing that God is omnipotent, that he has their affairs under his control, and that he is gracious and will work things out for the best.

Meek people have a quiet steadiness about their lives in the midst of upheaval. And so the fourth thing about them is that they don't fret themselves over the wicked who prosper in their way.

The meek refrain from anger. Their family and work and life are in God's sovereign hands; they trust him; they wait patiently and quietly to see how his power and goodness will work things out; and so the setbacks and obstacles and

opponents of life do not produce the kind of bitterness and anger and fretfulness that is so common among men.

It begins by trusting God.

The meek commits its way to the Lord in the confidence that he will use his power and mercy to do good for us. Then it waits patiently and quietly for the outcome. And, finally, it does not give way to anger and fretfulness when faced with opposition and setbacks. Meekness has very much to do with God. It consists in a peaceful freedom from fretful anger and is based on trusting God and giving all our ways onto God and waiting patiently for God

So you see – the Meek person is strong because He trusts in God and therefore is totally preoccupied with the Lord's ways.

Something about meekness: It is found in Galatians 6:1–2:

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of meekness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Not only is meekness slow to speak and slow to anger, but when it decides that it must speak — even words of correction as we have here in Galatians 6:1–2 — it speaks with the deep awareness that it is fallible. More specifically when meekness reaches out to bring back a person overtaken in sin, it first takes the log out of its own eye and then admits that apart from grace — free and undeserved — it would fall to the very sin it is now trying to correct. “Look to yourself lest you too be tempted.” “Let him who thinks that he stand take heed lest he fall.”

What about the second half of the beatitude:

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

Matthew 5 verse 12: “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.” In other words, the promise of great reward gives Christ disciples strength to endure persecution with joy.

So I think the promise that the meek shall inherit the earth is intended by the Lord to give us the strength to endure in meekness when the natural inclination would be to defend ourselves or retaliate or give way to fretful anger.

If you are a disciple of Jesus Christ, God has already begun to help you and will help you more. And the primary way that he will help you is to assure your heart that you are a fellow heir of Jesus Christ and that the world and everything in it is yours. He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not freely give us all things with him? All things! No good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly. “Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth ”  
And all things.