

The Fruit of the Spirit Is Meekness

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[Gal 5:22](#) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
[Gal 5:23](#) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

I. Meekness [humility; submission to the divine will (without murmuring or peevishness)]

A. The display of meekness will oftentimes appear to be weakness

[Mat 5:39](#) ...whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

B. Yet, the outer display of meekness comes from great inner strength

[Isa 50:6](#) I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

II. The two mighty men who were the meekest of all men

A. Moses knew God better than any man—Yet, he was the meekest of all men

[Deu 34:10](#) And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

[Num 12:3](#) (Now the man Moses *was* very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.)

B. Jesus was God (in all His might)—Yet, He displayed unprecedented meekness

[Mat 11:29](#) ...for I am meek and lowly in heart...

[Mat 21:5](#) ...Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass...

[Joh 13:5](#) ...he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet...

[Mat 26:39](#) ...if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.

[Joh 18:6](#) (*Jesus*)...said unto them, I am *he*, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

[Isa 53:7](#) He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

[Joh 19:16](#) ...delivered...him...to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led *him* away.

III. To realize the fusion of might and meekness in Jesus is to hear the call to meekness

[2Co 10:1](#) Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ...

[1Pe 2:19](#) For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

[1Pe 2:20](#) For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God.

[1Pe 2:21](#) For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

1Pe 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

1Pe 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1Pe 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

IV. Jesus preached good news to the meek—'Happiness' comes in meekness

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek...

Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Mat 5:3 Blessed (*happy*) are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:4 Blessed (*happy*) are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Mat 5:5 Blessed (*happy*) are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Isa 29:19 The meek also shall increase *their* joy in the LORD...

Psa 37:11 But the meek...shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Psa 22:26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him...

Psa 25:9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

Psa 149:4 For the LORD...will beautify the meek with salvation.

Zep 2:3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth...seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.

Psa 76:9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

Psa 147:6 The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

V. Meekness and humility versus pride and arrogance

Mat 23:11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Mat 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

1Pe 5:5 ...Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Psa 138:6 Though the LORD *be* high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

Luk 18:10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

Luk 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

Luk 18:12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

Luk 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

Luk 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Isa 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

VI. Born again children of God are to deal with others (even all others) in meekness

A. Meekness is a character trait—That binds church members together

Eph 4:1 ...walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and **meekness**, with longsuffering, forbearing one another...

Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

B. Meekness is a character trait—That puts up with and forgives others

Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, **meekness**, longsuffering;

Col 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

C. Meekness is a character trait—That gets along peaceably with all men

Tit 3:2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing all **meekness** unto all men.

1Pe 2:15 ...with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

D. Meekness is a character trait—That helps others overcome their sinful ways

Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of **meekness**; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Gal 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

E. Meekness is the character trait—By which strong Christians submit to be servants

1Co 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

1Co 16:14 Let all your things be done with charity.

1Co 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first- fruits of Achaia, and *that* they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

1Co 16:16 That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with *us*...

F. Meekness is the character trait—That the pastor needs to follow as he leads

1Co 4:21 ...shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and *in* the spirit of meekness?

2Ti 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,

2Ti 2:25 In **meekness** instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

2Ti 2:26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

G. Meekness is the character trait—That should accompany the sharing of the gospel

1Pe 3:15 ...*be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with **meekness** and fear:

VII. 'Meekness to all'—Marks us as children of the Father—Makes us as the Father

Mat 5:39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also...

Mat 5:44 ...Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Mat 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good...

Mat 5:46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? ...

Mat 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.