

# **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - MEEKNESS**

## **LESSON 8**

### **I. MEEKNESS DEFINED**

- A. One facet of the fruit of the Spirit - PRAOTES, translated meekness or gentleness (Gal. 5:23).
- B. "Insists only on what is necessary. "Barclay describes the word as "strength under control; one who is "always angry at the right time, and never angry at the wrong time." (cf. I Cor. 4:21).
- C. Barclay also says meekness "is the word which strength and gentleness are perfectly combined"
  - 1. Moses (Num.12:3, cf. 2, 11-13)
  - 2. Jesus (Matt.11:29, 21:5, 2 Cor. 10:1)
- D. Meekness is harnessing our passions in service of God and men.
- E. Meekness is mildness of temper that allows one to be tolerant and patient, not belligerent and bitter under injuries (Titus 3:2-3)

### **II. MEEKNESS ACCOMPANIES HUMILITY TOWARD GOD**

- A. Opposite of the proud sinners (Job 36:15, Psm.147:6, I Tim.6:11)
- B. Necessary in receiving God's word (James 1:21, Psm.25:9).
- C. Necessary in imparting God's word (I Pet. 3:15).
- D. God rewards the meek (Matt.5:5, Psm.37:11, 76:9, 149:4)

### **III. MEEKNESS ACCOMPANIES HUMILITY IN DEALINGS WITH MEN**

- A. Forbearing one another in love (Eph.4:2, Col.3:12-13).
- B. Living in wisdom from above (James 3:13-18).
- C. Giving potentially persecuting inquirers answer for your hope (I Pet. 3:15).
- D. Especially important in winning those in sin back to God
  - 1. Alien sinner (I Pet. 3:4, 2 Tim. 2:25)
  - 2. Christians overtaken in trespass (Gal. 6:1).

### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Meekness combines \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

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2. How did Moses manifest meekness in his life?
3. How did Jesus show meekness?
4. Why is meekness necessary in receiving God's word?
5. In I Peter 3:15, one must manifest meekness:
  - (a) toward God.
  - (b) toward man.
  - (c) toward both.
6. What will the meek inherit? Explain your answer.
7. What blessing will meekness bring with forbearing one another with love?
8. Meekness is a manifestation of one's \_\_\_\_\_ life , and a wisdom from \_\_\_\_\_.
9. What can speak louder than your words when trying to convert your husband or wife?
10. What will **you not do** when showing meekness in "correcting them who oppose themselves"? What will **you do**?
11. Who are those **who are spiritual** that God calls upon to restore brethren who have been overtaken in a trespass?

