

RADICAL LIVING
The Beatitudes and us
Lesson 3
Matthew 5:1-10

Matthew 5:5

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

Blessed are the humble: (NLT)

Blessed are the gentle: (NASB)

1. What is meekness?

A. What meekness is not:

Meekness is not cowardice

Meekness is not the surrender of our rights

Jesus did not surrender His rights.

John 18:22-23

Paul did not surrender his rights either.

Acts 16:35-39

B. What meekness is:

The word meek is translated from the Greek word "***praus***." It is defined as mild, or humble.

1 Meekness is the yielding of our spirits and our strength to God.

2 Meekness is the full and complete possession of the faculties of one's being.

Meekness is ***not*** weakness...it is inward mastery and outward surrender to the will of God!

C. Consider the opposite of meekness:

Proverbs 25:28

2. The Biblical Guide to Meekness

Psalm 37:3-11

3. Meekness must characterize our lives

Everything we do as children of God we are to do with the spirit of meekness.

A. We should receive God's word with meekness.

James 1:21-22

B. We have to wear meekness.

Colossians 3:12-13

C. Meekness is part of the fruit we should bear.

Galatians 5:22-23

4. What does it mean to inherit the earth?

That was a common saying in the time of Christ based on many Old Testament Scriptures.

Psalm 25:12-13

Psalm 37:9

The meek inherit satisfaction, because Jesus not only promises them everlasting life, He also promises them the best life here on earth!

1 Corinthians 3:21

Revelation 21:7

Luke 12:32

If you want to know what that really looks like:

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

These are the blessings for those who yield their spirits and their strength to God!