

The Foundations of a Better Culture:

Blessed are the Meek

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

Changing the culture of a congregation, changing the culture of a family, begins with the changing of the culture within us. It is easy to want everyone else to change, while we do not change ourselves. To be the people of God, we must be transformed in our minds and hearts (Rom 12:2).

Within the Beatitudes, **meekness** is one of the most difficult virtues to grasp.

- It's difficult because we do not fully _____
It is viewed as being a patsy...a pushover. Meek to some means "weak"
- It's difficult because this is so _____
Our world pushes self

A. "Strength under control" is a common definition of this word—but there is much more to it than that

- NAS (1995):
- ESV/KJV:
- CSB:
 1. Moses: was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth (Num 12:3) **How was Moses strong?**
 2. Jesus: Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls (Mt 11:29) **How was Jesus strong?**



Jesus Draws from Psalms 37

1. Inheriting the land (earth) - 9, 11, 22, 29

For ancient Israel this was a reminder of the promise land

For Jesus' audience: they would have thought of overthrowing Rome

2. _____ in the Lord (3, 16-17; 23-24)

- _____ your ways to the Lord (5)
- be _____ with the Lord (7, 9, 34)
- evil will be _____ with (9, 10, 38, 13)

Instead of taking matters into his own hands, the meek person trusts God.

He allows God to handle things in His way. Meekness is about _____

The Presence of Evil was a concern:

Evil doers (1, 8)

Wrong doers (1)

Wicked (7b, 12, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 35)

Violent (35)

F _____	Reaction of the Righteous
E _____	
A _____	



The qualities that build meekness are:

_____ (2 Pet 1:6; Acts 24:25; Prov 31:9)

_____ (Ps 46:10)

_____ (Heb 2:13)

Meek are strong people who decline to domineer; they don't use their position to control situations. **Examples**