

Week 4 - Blessed are the meek Wayne Burnham

Recap

(Week 1) Matthew 5:1-4 – And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: 2 and he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

(Week 2) vs 3. Blessed *are* the **poor in spirit**: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (I'm bankrupt before God)

(Week 3) vs 4. Blessed *are* they that **mourn**: for they shall be comforted. (Life circumstances & sin)

Today

Matthew 5:5 (NIV) Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. (How I relate to God and others)

Meekness is **humility** toward God and toward others. It is having the **right or the power** to do something but **refraining for the benefit of someone else**.

- “Meekness is power under control.”
- A meek person is not a weak person. It is a person whose strength is under God's control.
- Meek people **trust God to lead them**. Meek people use their power to **accomplish God's agenda**, not their own.

1. Meekness lived out - Submitted to Gods will and word

- a. Not our will be done but God's will be done in our lives.

1 Peter 4:1-2 (NIV) – Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. 2 As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

Romans 12:12 (NIV) – Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Colossians 1:9-10 (NIV)

2. Meekness lived out - Surrender our rights

- a. We understand that our earthly privileges and rights are not more important than our identity as children of God.

Matthew 16:24 (NIV) – Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

- Our meekness toward God is submitting to God, letting God have His will in our lives. It's actually saying, "God, have Your way."

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV) – For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Psalms 46:10 (NIV) – "Be still, and know that I am God."

3. Meekness lived out – Speaking Truth in Love

- a. Be ready to talk about what gives us hope and share our faith, with humility.
- b. In our relationships with others, we must speak truth in love

Luke 6:27-31; 35-36 (NIV) – **1 Peter 5:6-7 (NIV)** – **Ephesians 4:31-32 NIV**

"Be kind," closely related to the concept of being meek. A meek person is a kind person. And because it brings self-control, we can show kindness toward others. In relationships, I need to put away wrath and bitterness and anger and be kind and forgive, because God has forgiven me.

If you live out a life of meekness, you will share in the inheritance

Matthew 5:5 (NIV)

First way of sharing the inheritance

- They are **"blessed."** It's important to remember that the word "blessed" means "Oh, how **happy.**"
- It conveys the idea of **God's smile, approval, and favor.**
- I like to think of it as the applause of God - **God is cheering for you.**

Second way of sharing the inheritance

- The meek, **"they shall inherit the earth"**
- When Jesus comes to earth and the earth is renewed, creation is set right once again and He reigns, we will reign with Him.

John 14:2-3 (NIV)



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