

Matthew 5:5

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Intro - Jim Barringer: The Beatitudes illustrate the differences between God's way of thinking and our way of thinking.

Jesus says: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The world says: "Blessed are the rich in material wealth, because they pull all the strings and have all the nice things."

Jesus says: "Blessed are those who mourn, because they'll be comforted."

The world says: "Blessed are those who put on a stiff upper lip and pretend they aren't hurting, because vulnerability is weakness."

Jesus says: "Blessed are the meek, for they'll inherit the earth."

The world says: "Blessed are the aggressive, because nice guys finish last."

Jesus says: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they'll be satisfied."

The world says: "Blessed are those who have low expectations, because they'll never be disappointed."

Jesus says: "Blessed are the merciful, for they'll receive mercy."

The world says: "Blessed are the merciless, for they'll become CEOs."

Jesus says: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they'll be called sons of God."

The world says: "Blessed are the winners, because everyone who's not a winner is a loser."

Jesus says: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The world says: "Blessed are [the popular], because persecution isn't fun or easy."

1. What does it mean to be meek?

Meekness = power under control

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2. What does meekness look like in a person?

"I'm meek and humble in heart." (Mt. 11:29)

"Put away your sword... Aren't you aware that I can call on My Father, and He'll at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?" (Mt. 26:52-53)

Christ is your example and you must follow in His steps... He didn't retaliate when He was insulted, nor threaten revenge when He suffered. He left His case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. (1 Peter 2:21-23)

Gen. 13:9 - "Take your choice of any section of the land you want, and we'll separate. If you want the land to the left, then I'll take the land on the right. If you prefer the land on the right, then I'll go to the left."

Psalm 37 - Those who trust in the Lord shall inherit the earth... The meek shall inherit the earth.

3. Am I meek?

Q1 - What is your attitude toward the circumstances of life?

Psalm 37:1 - Don't fret because of evil men.

Psalm 37:8 - Refrain from anger and turn away from wrath.

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Psalm 37 - Trust in the Lord... Delight yourself in the Lord... Commit your way to the Lord... Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.

Q2 - What is your attitude toward God's Word?

James 1:21 - Receive with meekness the Word that God has planted in your hearts.

Q3 - What is your attitude toward a brother or sister who sins?

Galatians 6:1 - If someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore them in a spirit of meekness.

Q4 - What is your attitude toward people who disagree with you?

“A servant of the Lord must not quarrel, but be kind to everyone, able to teach, and patient with difficult people. In meekness instructing those who oppose the truth, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth.” (2 Tim. 2:24-25)

Q5 - What is your attitude toward the unsaved?

“Always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with meekness and respect.” (1 Peter 3:15)

4. How can I become meek?

Matthew 11:29 - Jesus said: "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I'm meek and humble in heart."

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