



"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. Matthew 5:13

The function of a believer in this world:

- We were made to **shape** the culture, not be **shaped** by it.
- Being blessed has less to do with what's **around** you and everything to do with what's happening **inside** you.

The Definition is:

"Blessed" - (1) The attitude we have because of God's favor or (2) the mindset that comes from God's blessings and rule in my life.

- You're not blessed because you're strong—you're blessed because you're **Mine**.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5 (NIV)

What it means to be meek:

- Meekness is strength brought under **control**.
Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city." Proverbs 16:32

Meekness is a person who could explode in anger but chooses **mercy**.

- Meekness is also the absence of **retaliation**.
- Meekness is not using our strength and resources **against** others, but for others.
...with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love...Ephesians 4:2

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. Matthew 11:29 (KJV)

- Meekness builds **bridges**, not walls.

"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy..." James 3:17

The Blessing of Meekness:

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- How we respond to living in meekness shows which world we **choose** to belong to.

"Don't worry about suffering, if you are meek, you will reign with Christ" 2 Timothy 2:12

- Meekness makes us like the **King** of the kingdom

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."
1 Peter 2:21-23

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

Other Notes:



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- Talk about the progression of the first three beatitudes. How do they build on each other?
- Explain how these beatitudes (more specifically meekness) reflects the King of the kingdom of God.
- Discuss each of the points under the sub-heading: "What it means to be meek". Does your natural man tell you these are dumb and ridiculous? Which of these seems most difficult for you?
- How does surrendering to God's will and giving up our rights result in meekness?
- How does meekness make us more like Jesus? Why is that important for us as followers of Christ?
- What does it mean that the meek will inherit the earth?
- How can you use your strength for God and others this week?
- We were created to bring glory to God. How does meekness bring God glory?

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