

The Power of Being A Controlled Person

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The Meaning of Meek:

1. Meekness is anger under control.

- The word meek is closely related to the word anger. Meekness is “anger under control” or “power under control.”
- There are times it’s right to be angry.
- But we shouldn’t always unleash our anger impulsively.

2. Meekness is the balance point on the spectrum of anger.

- The balance point between a spendthrift and a miser is a generous person.
- The balance point between someone with uncontrolled anger and someone who never speaks up is a meek person.
 - *“To be angry on the right occasion with the right people is what meekness is all about.”* - Aristotle
 - Meekness is being able to control and express anger in the right way and at the right time.
 - The Bible speaks of anger 455 times. 375 times it’s speaking of God’s anger, sometimes unleashed, sometimes restrained.

3. Domestication

- The word for meek, translated into English, is the word for “domestication”
 - We don’t want God’s “leash” on us, restricting us.
 - We should be listening to the Master’s voice, and obeying.

Meek Men of God

1. Moses (Numbers 20:8-12)

“A person without power over his spirit is like a city whose walls have been broken down.” - Proverbs 25:28

2. David (1 Samuel 24:1-19)

“He that controls his anger is better than a man who conquers a city.” - Proverbs 16:32

3. Jesus

“But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.” - Matthew 27:14

- See also Matthew 11:28; 21:5; 21:13; 26:52; 27:14

The Earth Will Be Theirs:

1. The worldly approach to earthly power:

- *Use it for yourself. Unleash it!*

2. The Christ-controlled approach to earthly power:

- *Use it for God. Serve others!*

Application Project:

1. How does the Biblical meaning of “meekness” differ from worldly concepts?
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3. What will help to develop a spirit of meekness in me?

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