

Section III, Part X: Meekness & Humility

Summary: A truly godly and Christ-like man will be as His master: meek and humble. He will be of a soft and gentle disposition; he will not be easily provoked to bursts of emotion. He will not boast of his accomplishments, nor view himself highly because of his performances. Instead, like Jesus, he will lower himself to serve; he will not argue, but be yielding; he will not be always contending for himself or his position or his group.

- I. Meek means, “mild of temper; soft; gentle; not easily provoked or irritated; yielding; given to forbearance under injuries...humble”
 - a. Humble means, “low; opposed to high or lofty...lowly; modest; meek; submissive; opposed to proud, haughty, [giving oneself an undue degree of importance], or [taking upon one’s self more than is just].”
 - i. Proud means, “having inordinate self-esteem; possessing a high or unreasonable conceit of one’s own excellence...”
 - b. To be meek is to be mild of temper. To be soft or gentle. To be meek means that we are not easily irritated or provoked; that we are inclined to forbear from retaliating when injured. It is also be humble, which is to be low, to be modest; that is, not having an unduly high view of oneself or one’s own performances.
- II. **We should strive to be meek and humble because Jesus was. Meekness and humility are attractive and give rest.**
 - a. Matthew 11:28-29 – *Jesus motivates us to come to Him because His is meek and lowly in heart*
- III. **Jesus’ meekness and humility provokes to be very gentle with us.**
 - a. Matthew 12:18-20 – *Jesus does not crush those who are bruised; nor does He quench those who are almost gone out...Jesus didn’t argue with others either.*
 - b. **Because Jesus was meek and humble, His first coming was humble and not with much grandeur.**
 - i. Matthew 21:5-11 – *Jesus displayed/revealed Himself in an incredibly humble way*
 - 1. C.f., F.f., Luke 10:33-37 – *The Samaritan pictures Jesus in many ways*
- IV. **Jesus is not conceited with pride; is mild of temper**
 - a. Luke 9:49-50 – *Jesus was concerned with God being exalted, not Himself nor a certain group*



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- b. Luke 9:51-56 – *Jesus was not conceited, needing everyone to affirm Him and accept Him*
- V. **Jesus’ humility caused Him to view others as better, caused Him to empty Himself for our sakes, that we might have life**
 - a. Philippians 2:5-8 – *Jesus did not proudly cling to what He had, but emptied Himself for our sakes*
 - i. 2 Corinthians 8:9
 - ii. Hebrews 2:9
 - iii. **Jesus came not to be served, but to serve**
 - 1. Matthew 20:25-28 – *Though worthy of all worship, praise, and service, Jesus, Son of God, came to serve men*
 - a. Luke 22:24-27, John 13:1-17 – *Though Jesus was Lord of all, set to receive eternal glory, yet He humbled Himself to serve, though He was greater and did not have to*

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