

# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT MEEKNESS 1

**MEEKNESS:** *Power under control. A strong but gentle, reverent, and humble spirit of selfless devotion to God and submission to His purposes. The opposite of pride. Meekness does not refer to weakness or passivity but to controlled power, expressed by faith, obedience and a whole-hearted surrender to the Holy Spirit. It is a God-controlled person, who possesses a strong yet teachable spirit, with all the emotions and ability to take and conquer, but still is able to govern himself. The meek person rejects the attitude of self-sufficiency and superiority, but lives completely for God with no agendas other than to please Christ.*

**Jesus Our Example of Meekness/Humility: Mt 11:28-29** Come to Me, all of you who are weary and over-burdened, and I will give you rest! Put on My yoke and learn from Me. For I am meek and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. **Ps 86:15** But You are merciful and gentle, Lord, slow in getting angry, full of constant loving-kindness and of truth. **2Co 10:1** I, Paul, am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ... **Is 40:11** He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young. **Hs 11:4** I drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love, and I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them. **Ph 2:5-9** Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:] Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, but stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being. And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross! Therefore [because He stooped so low] God has highly exalted Him and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. **Jn 13:14-17** If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

**Meekness Personified in Jesus as the Lion and the Lamb: Jl 3:16** The Lord shouts...and the earth and sky begin to shake. But to His people...the Lord will be very gentle. He is their Refuge and Strength. **1Pe 2:23** When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. **Zc 9:9** Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout aloud! Behold, your King comes to you; He is [uncompromisingly] just and having salvation [triumphant and victorious], patient, meek, lowly, and riding on a donkey... **Mt 21:12,14** Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

**Meekness Enabled Jesus to Embrace and Overcome the Cross: Lk 9:51** Now when the time was almost come for Jesus to be received up [to heaven], He steadfastly *and* determinedly set His face to go to Jerusalem. **Is 53:7** Men were cruel to Him, but He was gentle and quiet;

as a lamb taken to its death, and as a sheep before those who take her wool makes no sound, so He said not a word. **Is 42:2-4** He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till He has established justice in the earth... **Mt 21:5** Behold, your King comes to you, meek, and sitting upon...a colt. **Mt 27:13, 14** Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

**Great Examples of the Meek and Humble: Nm 12:3** Moses was very meek (gentle, kind, and humble) above all the men on the face of the earth. **Mk 1:7** There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. **Jn 3:30** He must increase, but I must decrease. **1Ki 21:29** See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because He has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. **1Co 4:13** When evil things are said about us we give gentle answers... **2Ch 33:12-13** While in deep distress, Manasseh sought the LORD his God and sincerely humbled himself before...God... And when he prayed, the LORD listened to him and was moved by his request. So the LORD brought Manasseh back to Jerusalem and to his Kingdom. **Ph 4:11-13** Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, there with to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

**Blessed Are the Meek, They Shall Inherit the Earth: Ps 37:11** The meek shall inherit the earth and delight themselves in abundant peace. **Mt 5:5** Blessed...are the meek (the mild, patient, long-suffering), for they shall inherit the earth! **Mt 5:3** Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. **Ps 22:26** The meek shall eat and be satisfied...

**Live a Life Completely Clothed With Meekness and Humility: Cl 3:12** Be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. **Mt 23:11-12** The greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and He who humbles himself will be exalted. **Lk 9:48** For he who is least among you all is the one who is great. **Tt 3:2** Speak evil of none, do not be quarrelsome, but gentle, showing perfect meekness toward all (perfect courtesy toward all men). **1Ti 6:11** Aim at... gentleness and meekness. **Ep 4:2** Living as becomes you with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness)... **Cl 3:12** Clothe yourselves...by putting on behavior marked by...kind feelings, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, [and] having the power to endure whatever comes... **1Ti 3:3** Not quickly moved to wrath or blows, but be gentle... **Tt 3:2** Slander no one, avoid fighting, and be kind, always showing gentleness to all people. **Zp 2:3** Seek GOD, all you quietly disciplined people...Seek GOD's right ways. Seek a quiet and disciplined life... **1Pe 3:4** Live with the incorruptible [ornament] of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price. **Ph 4:4,5** ...Have a reputation for gentleness, and never forget the nearness of your Lord. Let all men know and perceive and recognize your unselfishness (your considerateness, your forbearing spirit). [www.harvestcards.com](http://www.harvestcards.com)