

The Blessings of the Meek & Hungry

A Life God Blesses - Part 2

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Matthew 5:5-6

***Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be filled.***

**Spiritual truths to transform &
strengthen our faith.**

“Blessed are the meek...

1. To be “meek” is to be _____
_____.

... for they will inherit the earth”

2. The “inherit the earth” blessing includes

_____.

***“Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,***

3. Our spiritual “health” can be measured
by _____
_____.

for they will be filled”

4. God promises a blessing _____

_____.

1 Corinthians 2:9

***However, as it is written:
“No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived what God has
prepared for those who love him”--
(Paul, quoting from Isaiah 64.6)***

Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

1. Meekness may be one of the most misunderstood terms in the Bible. A popular dictionary definition of *meekness* is this: *to be ‘overly submissive or compliant; spiritless; tame’*. Does that fit Jesus, who described himself as ‘meek and lowly in heart’? (Matthew 11.29) Discuss. Has today’s talk changed your view of meekness?
2. To *really* surrender one’s life to God can seem like a scary thing; there’s so much uncertainty about what it will mean...and, we like to stay in control, don’t we? Can you relate to the fear of surrender? Since living a life of faith involves trusting in an unseen God, why are the promises of God so important...including Jesus’ promise about the meek ‘inheriting the earth’? What promises have comforted you on your journey? Discuss point 2 from today’s talk.
3. Would you agree or disagree with this statement (why or why not)? : *“to be meek is to God-controlled and not self-controlled”*. Review and discuss the evidence (fruit) of the Spirit of Christ in us...Galatians 5:22-23
4. How do the meek *‘inherit’*? Was Jesus talking about some cosmic get-rich plan? To be certain, let’s review what Jesus told us about not laying up treasures for ourselves here on earth (Matt 6:19,20). Why not read and discuss Psalm 37, especially verses 8-9, 10-11, 18-19, 22, 29?
5. In Matthew 6:33—Jesus told us not to worry about what we will eat and drink or wear... unbelievers worry about this constantly. Instead, Jesus taught us to “seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things (the things we need to sustain us) will be given (provided) to you as well”. Consider and discuss this statement: *“We will derive the greatest enjoyment from earth when God and His kingdom are our first concern”*.
6. How would you describe your spiritual appetite at this point in your journey? What can be done to improve it?
7. What was one of your most memorial July 4th celebrations? Why?