

# *The Strength of the Gentle*

*Matthew 5:5*

Sunday, March 10, 2024



## *Scripture Memory*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

*Psalm 51:10*



# Foundational Truths

These qualities are being developed over time – Progressive Sanctification  
The Connection between being poor in spirit, those who mourn, and the meek  
Meekness is a Fruit of the Spirit  
As Fruit it cannot be manufacture; it can only be cultivated





## Biblical Definitions

***Poor in Spirit*** – To recognize one's own spiritual poverty apart from God's amazing grace – **Spiritually bankrupt.**

***Mourning***—a brokenness before God born out of truth revealed through my fellowship with Him.



# Meekness Defined

***Meekness*** – the overflow of brokenness before God expressed in my surrender to Him and my submission to others.

***Strength / power under control***



# Meekness Demonstrated

Abraham vs. Lot

Joseph vs His Brothers

David vs. Saul

Jesus on the Cross





## Opposite of Meekness

**Harshness:** If you are mean in your treatment of others, if there is an absence of gentleness in your treatment of others, take heed.

**Selfish:** If you make sure you always get yours first, if “numero uno” is the subtle driving force in your life, if you care little about how your actions affect others, beware.

**Vengeful:** If you are known as someone never to cross, if you always get your “pound of flesh,” be on your guard.

**Uncontrolled:** If rage fills your soul so that life is a series of explosions occasioned by the “fools” in your life, watch out.



# I want to be like Jesus

*Philippians 2:5* - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

*Galatians 4:19 - Luke 6:40 - Romans 12:1-2 - Romans 8:28-29*





# Meekness Developed

**Surrender to the Spirit Continually – Eph. 5:18**

**Recognized that it is a Fruit of the Spirit – Gal. 5:16-23**

**Yoke Yourself to Jesus – Mt. 11:28-30**



# Reach your FRANs

Friends, Relatives, Associates, & Neighbors

Oikos Map - [Click Here](#) to learn more how to pray  
for your oikos (relational network)





**Start Small – Start Smart – Start Somewhere**

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# LIVING THE **5G Life**



**GOD TIME**



**GATHER TIME**



**GROUP TIME**



**GIVE TIME**



**GO TIME**



# #TFBAbide Bible Reading Plan

Day 1 – Genesis 27:18

Day 2 – Genesis 27:19-20

Day 3 – Genesis 27:21-24

Day 4 – Genesis 27:25-27

Day – Genesis 27:28-30

Scripture Memory: Psalm 51:10

