

Confident Contentment January 22, 2017

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:5

1. Meekness is: Strength Under Control 1 Peter 2:21-23 Genesis 13:8-9

2. Meekness Requires Confidence in Whose I Am

Psalm 100:3 1 John 3:1-2 Matthew 20:26-28

3. Meekness Requires Change in How I Am

Ephesians 4:1-2 Philippians 2:3-4

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To see what meekness is, you must look not at meekness but at Christ. Saying meekness is this or that sends you to concepts which are pale copies of reality. Saying "Jesus is meek" sends you to the living reality of it.

Peter Kreeft, Back to Virtue

- 1. How do you think our culture defines a meek person? Do you think a meek person could be elected as our President?
- 2. If Peter Kreeft is correct in his quote, which I believe he is, how would you describe the "living reality" of meekness?
- 3. In the flow of the beatitudes, how does (1) recognizing our spiritual poverty and then (2) grieving that brokenness lead to meekness?
- 4. As royalty a child of the King of King and Lord of Lords what rights and privileges are yours to demand?
- 5. What steps can you take this week to move towards expressing the blessing of meekness?