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Matthew 5

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⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

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Kingdom Values

Kingdom	World
Poverty of spirit	Pride
Mourning	Pleasure seekers
Meekness	Aggression
Hungry righteousness	I'm rich, need nothing
Mercy	Cruelty
Purity of Heart	Corrupt Imaginations

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Kingdom Values

Kingdom	World
Peacemakers	Quarrelsome, Resentful
Rejoicing at Injustice	Retaliation

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Matthew 5:5

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Definitions

Blessed = state of blessing

Inherit = receive valuables upon the death of a benefactor

Earth = natural land, flora and fauna

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Meek (Greek: Praus)

- 1. Considerate or kindly in disposition
- 2. Gentle
- 3. Not retaliating when wronged

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Meekness Looks Like...

Meekness toward God means we accept His dealings with us as good, without disputing or resisting.

Meekness toward others means we are gentle and don't seek to retaliate when we are wronged.

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1 Peter 3:4

but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle [meek] and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

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Meekness Is Not incompatible With

- 1. Boldness
- 2. Courage
- 3. Anger
- 4. Confronting Injustice

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Meek Mystique

Meekness releases power under control

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Matthew 11:28-30

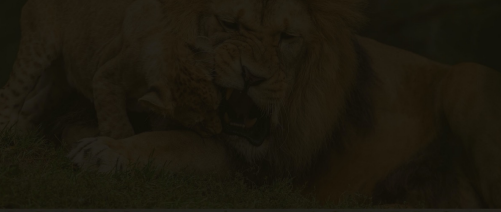
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Meek Mystique

1. Invitation to the exhausted



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Labor

Greek word used for "labor" depicts the most difficult, most exhaustive type of work. We could even call it hard labor.

It is a load or toil born to the point of exhaustion.

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Heavy Laden

to load up (as a vessel or animal), to overburden

The burden is beyond one's capacity, an overburden.

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Luke 11:46

And he said, "Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers."

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2. Learn to rest by releasing burdens

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Nature of Rest

Rest is not something we do. It is something that comes to us when we cease to do.

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Types and Ways of Work

There are **types of work to cease** that are always exhausting and there are **ways to work to cease** that always make even good work exhausting.

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- 3. Pick the right partner, work is easy

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Galatians 5:1

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision [the Yoke of the Law], Christ [Yoke of Christ] will be of no advantage to you.

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Yoke Partners In Work

There is a **yoke of the Lord** where we learn and are helped by the Lord in His burden and there is a **yoke of the world** where we learn and are helped by the world and its burden.

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Hebrews 4:9-11

⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

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4. Meek is a new way to work

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Path of the Meek and Humble

Path of the meek and humble is a **safe path** because the Lord is meek with us and it is also a **growth path** because we will learn how to be meek and humble in our work.

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Christ Embodies Meekness and Humility

Christ is the humility of God embodied in human nature; the Eternal Love humbling itself, clothing itself in the garb of meekness and gentleness, to win and serve and save us.

- Andrew Murray

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