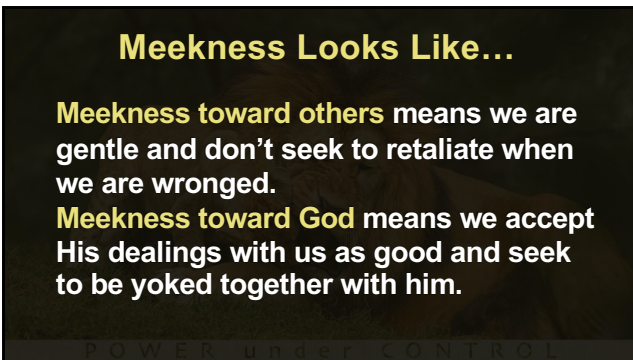




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Perplexity

per·plex·i·ty | \ pər-'plek-sə-tē \ Noun

- 1 : State of being perplexed - unable to grasp something clearly or to think logically and decisively about something
- 2 : Bewilderment

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1 Peter 5

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you

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Humble Yourself

- 1. **We** humble ourselves under God
- 2. **God** will exalt us at the proper time
- 3. **We** cast all your anxieties on Him

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Meekness in Perplexity

Meekness humbles themselves in times of perplexity

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Exodus 5

¹ Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness'"

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Exodus 5

² But Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and moreover, I will not let Israel go."

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Exodus 5

3 Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."

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Exodus 5

4 But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens." 5 And Pharaoh said, "Behold, the people of the land are now many, and you make them rest from their burdens!"

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Exodus 5

6 The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen, 7 "You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves.

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Significant Test

The immediate effect of the work of Moses was to make it worse for Israel, not better. Confronting the evil of Egyptian bondage would not be quick or easy. Why does God allow this setback? It's part of his plan to display His glory in the earth.

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Meekness in Perplexity

1. God uses perplexity to bring Him Glory

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Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

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Exodus 14:17-18

17 And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. **18** And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

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2 Corinthians 4:7-10

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. **8** We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ...**10** always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

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Exodus 5

²⁰ They [Israeli taskmasters] met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh; ²¹ and they said to them, “The Lord look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

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Taskmasters Response

Taskmaster’s response was not “these horrible Egyptians refuse to listen God” but rather “Moses will be judged by God for being a false prophet”. They thought if God had really sent Moses it would get easier not harder.

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Meekness in Perplexity

- 1. God uses perplexity to bring Him Glory
- 2. Judge character by fruit, work of God by discernment

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Matthew 7

16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.

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Matthew 7

18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

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Exodus 5

22 Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, "O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? 23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all."

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Exodus 6

10 So the Lord said to Moses, **11** “Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the people of Israel go out of his land.” **12** But Moses said to the Lord, “Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?”

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Exodus 6

13 But the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron and gave them a charge about the people of Israel and about Pharaoh king of Egypt: to bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

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Meekness in Perplexity

- 1.** God uses perplexity to bring Him Glory
- 2.** Judge character by fruit, work of God by discernment
- 3.** Spirituality grows most in hardship

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Hebrews 12:7 NIV

⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?

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Uncircumcised

Name	Verses	Reason
Heart	Lev 26:41	Unable for God to touch
Ears	Jer 6:10	Unable to Hear God's Word
Lips	Ex 6:12	Unable to speak God's Word effectively

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Cast your Cares on the Lord

- No self-pity – casting on ourselves
- No blame-shifting – casting on others
- No complaining – casting on the future
- No excuses – casting on circumstances

Cast your cares upon the Lord for he cares for you

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