

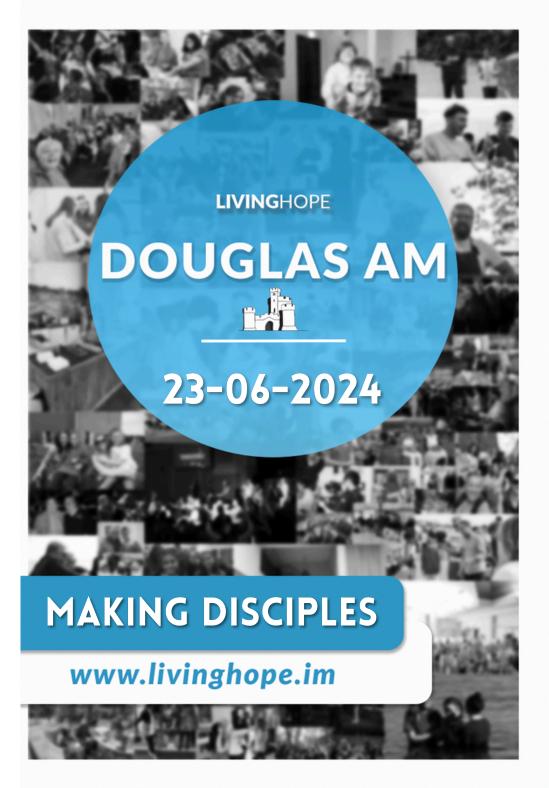


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BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

Matthew 5:5

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

Psalm 37:11

But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

MODELS OF MEEKNESS: MOSES AND EVEN JESUS HIMSELF

Numbers 12:3

Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.

Matthew 11:29

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." (KJV)

2 Corinthians 10:1

I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ.

Matthew 21:5

'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden'.

RECEIVING THE WORD WITH MEEKNESS

James 1:19-21

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 3:13,17

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

WHAT PRODUCES MEEKNESS IN OUR LIVES?

Galatians 5:16, 22-23

But I say, walk by the Spirit...The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

Colossians 3:12.14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ... And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S BLESSING!

Romans 8:31-32

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

NOT ONLY ARE WE BLESSED, BUT ALSO GOD IS GLORIFIED

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

IN COMMUNITY GROUPS:

To consider -

What is your understanding of meekness?

Why does it sometimes appear that the powerful are the ones who win in life? How can we be humble and gentle but strong at the same time?

For action -

Ask God to reveal to us areas in our lives where we have been proud or pushing ourselves forward.

Repent and ask God for forgiveness.

Pray for each other that we become more Christlike.