#### MEEKNESS

#### (Foundation Scriptures)

- 1. "But the fruit of the Spirit is meekness." (Galatians 6:23)
- "Walk worthy of the vocation where you are called with all lowliness and <u>meekness</u>." (Ephesians 4:1,2)
- 3. "To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show <u>meekness</u> toward all people." (Titus 3:2)
- 4. "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, <u>meekness</u>, and patience." (Colossians 3:12)
- 5. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." (Matthew 5:5)
- 6. "When pride comes, then comes shame, but with the <u>lowly</u> is wisdom." (Proverbs 11:2)
- 7. "The Lord is close to them that are of a humble heart." (Psalm 34:18)
- 8. "The Lord will save the <u>humble</u> person." (Job 22:29)
- 9. "For though the LORD is high, he regards the <u>lowly</u>, but the haughty he knows from afar." (Psalm 138:6)
- 10. "Be clothed with <u>humility</u>, for God resists the proud and gives grace to the <u>humble</u>." (I Peter 5:5)
- 11. "The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is <u>humility</u>." (Proverbs 15:33)
- 12. "Whoever exalts himself shall be abased, and whoever <u>humbles</u> himself shall be exalted." (Matthew 23:12)
- 13. "I will dwell with him that is of a humble and contrite spirit." (Isaiah 57:15)
- 14. "Everyone that is <u>proud</u> in heart is an abomination to the Lord, and he shall not go unpunished." (Proverbs 16:5)
- 15. "These six things the Lord hates; seven that are an abomination to him, a proud look." (Proverbs 6:16,17)

## WHAT IS MEEKNESS?

Meekness (PRAOTES) means: mild, gentle, humble

## MEEKENESS IS...

- 1. The Holy Spirit flowing through us, replacing all arrogance, conceit and selfpreoccupation.
- 2. An inward condition of heart and spirit, giving us a proper view of God, ourselves and others.
- 3. Power and strength under the control of the Holy Spirit.

- 4. The surrendering of my rights to God, resulting in the ability to endure injury without resentment.
- 5. Learning how to respond to anger when personal rights are violated by others.
- 6. An inward condition of heart that never wants attention on myself; it leaves me totally content and satisfied when others are recognized and I am overlooked.
- 7. Never boasting of one's accomplishments, but quickly defecting all praise and glory to God and others.
- 8. Never wanting pity and others to feel sorry for you, but a desire for all attention to be drawn to God.
- 9. Recognizing my total inability to accomplish anything for God apart from his grace.
- 10. Never feeling superior in sacrificial service for God; but considers it my duty as a slave to Christ.
- 11. A willingness to take the lowest seat at the banquet hall.
- 12. Void of any desire to impress other people.
- 13. Void of all jealousy and envy over the success of others.
- 14. No desire for people to salute me with fancy titles, but a willingness to become the servant of all.
- 15. An earnest desire and passion to die to all competition, all the comparison games, all the popularity charts, all the fleshly applause; and let Jesus be Jesus at all times in all places.

## TEN BLESSINGS AND REWARDS OF MEEKNESS

- You will experience the peace of God in a greater dimension.
   "The meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." (Psalm 37:11)
- You will be used of God to restore (not judge and expose) those who fall into sin.
   "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, you which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of <u>meekness</u>; considering yourself, lest you also be tempted." (Galatians 6:1)
- You will experience the joy of the Lord in a greater way.
   "The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord." (Isaiah 29:19)
- 4. <u>You will receive manifold blessings from God.</u>
  "By <u>humility</u> and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor and life." (Proverbs 22:4)
- 5. You will enable God's Word to work in you and produce good fruit.

"Receive with <u>meekness</u> the engrafted word which is able to save your souls." (James 1:21)

- 6. <u>You will see God use you in a greater way</u>. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and he shall life you up." (James 4:10)
- You will have answers for those who question you about your faith.
   "Be ready always to g ive an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope this is in you with meekness and fear." (I Peter 3:15)
- 8. <u>You will experience God's presence in a greater dimension</u>.
  "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a <u>humble</u> heart." (Psalm 34:18)
- You will experience God's specific leading in your life.
   "The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way." (Psalm 25:9)
- You will be spared from great destruction.
   "Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honor is humility." (Proverbs 18:12)

## **IS IT POSSIBLE?**

With the world's philosophy of push, shove, assert yourself, be brazen, get ahead and blow your own horn – how can we bear the fruit of meekness today?

## **BY LOOKING UNTO JESUS:**

- Seeing Jesus meek and lowly in heart.
- Seeing Jesus opening not his mouth before his accusers.
- Seeing Jesus making himself of no reputation and becoming obedient to the cross.
- Seeing Jesus give up his rights that I might live eternally.

# PLEASE REMEMBER FOUR STATEMENTS

- 1. The fullest glasses make the least amount of noise.
- 2. The most fruitful orchard branches hang the lowest.
- 3. Swallowing your pride never leads to indigestion.
- 4. If you are too big to do the little jobs, then you are too little to do the big jobs!