

III. KNOW WHEN TO SHOW MEEKNESS

A. When reacting to the Bible.

“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”
James 1:21

B. When reacting to your spouse.

*“3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;
4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”*
I Peter 3:3-4

C. When reacting to the unsaved.

*“24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,
25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;”*
II Timothy 2:24-25

D. When reacting to the backslidden.

“What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?”
I Corinthians 4:21

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”
Galatians 6:1

E. When reacting to the angry.

“A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.”
Proverbs 15:1

ARE YOU TRULY HAPPY?

“...Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!”

Psalm 144:15b

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INTRODUCTION

A. “Where can I find TRUE happiness?” Virtually everyone has ask this question at some point. The challenge is finding true happiness in a world full of fake. The good news is true happiness is available and can be found in God.

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Yes, God wants you to be TRULY HAPPY! But God’s plan for true happiness looks very different than you would expect.

B. God reveals His plan for human happiness in what is called the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). Join the Capital Family for a journey through this famous Bible passage and find out what Jesus said about true happiness in a world full of fake.

Oct 10	Let’s Get Truly Happy
Oct 17	Happy Are The Humble
Oct 24	Happy Are The Sad
TODAY	Happy Are The Meek
Nov 7	Happy Are The Hungry
Nov 14	Happy Are The Merciful
Nov 21	Happy Are The Holy
Nov 28	Happy Are The Peacemakers
Dec 5	Happy Are The Persecuted

C. **TEXT:** Matthew 5:5

- The fake way to happiness is having the right circumstances. It is based on “when and then thinking”.
- The true way to happiness is having the right characteristics.

“If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

John 13:17

HOW TO BE MEEK

Three possible reactions:

- Retreat in fear (II Timothy 1:7).
- Attack in anger (James 1:19).
- Respond in meekness.

“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering”

Colossians 3:12

I. UNDERSTAND WHAT IS MEEKNESS

A. Meekness is not weakness.

Moses (Numbers 12:3) and Jesus (Mathew 11:28-29) are the only two Bible characters described as meek and neither of them were weak.

B. Meekness is power under control.

“He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.” Proverbs 16:32

“51 And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

52 But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, ...”
Matthew 26:51-52a

The word for “meek” in the Bible is used to describe:

- A soothing medicine.
- A gentle breeze.
- A domesticated horse.

C. Meekness is a fruit of the Spirit.

“22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22-23

II. REMEMBER WHY TO HAVE MEEKNESS

A. The present benefit is happiness.

“Blessed are the meek, ...”

Matthew 5:5a

“The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, ...”

Isaiah 29:19a

“2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”
Ephesians 4:2-3

B. The future benefit is inheritance of the earth.

“...For they shall inherit the earth.”

Matthew 5:5b

“7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret— it only causes harm.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.

10 For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”
Psalm 37:7-11