

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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* Meekness" points to a submissiveness of spirit that does not raise itself up against opposition, but bends like a reed before the storm. Meekness is not to be confused with weakness! It is an inwrought grace of the soul and the exercises of it are first and chiefly towards God. It is that temper of spirit in which we accept God's dealings with us as good, and therefore without dispute or resistance; it is closely linked with the word humility.

It is only the humble heart which is also the meek, and which, as such, does not fight against God and more or less struggle and contend with Him. Meekness describes a condition of mind and heart instead of action. It must be clearly understood therefore, that the "meekness (prautes) manifested by the Lord and commended to all believers is the fruit of power. The common assumption is that when one is meek that they cannot help themselves, but the Lord was "meek" because He had at His disposal the infinite resource of God at His command.

Described negatively meekness is the opposite of "self-assertiveness" and "self-interest". It [*meekness*] is an "equanimity" of spirit that is neither elated or cast down, simply because it is not occupied with self at all. When one grows in meekness one comes to the place where what is good for others is more important than one's own self-interest. Meekness is love at it's best and most refined state in the believer.

....*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light".... Matthew 11:28-30 KJV*

....*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and*

afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound".... Isaiah 61:1 The Amplified Translation