

WHEN SHOULD WE BE MEEK?

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Jesus teaches us the value of being meek. In fact, He calls out the meek in the Beatitudes (*Matthew 5:5*) as those who will inherit the earth. But when should we be meek? Under what circumstances would it be appropriate to manifest meekness in our lives?

First, when we are working with a brother or sister who is living in error (*Galatians 6:1-2* & *James 5:19-20*). Restoring the erring, bearing burdens, covering sins, saving souls, & fulfilling the law of Christ...Who would argue with being involved in those things?

Second, while striving to promote unity among brethren (*Ephesians 4:1-3*). Meekness or lowliness is involved in “walking worthy” of the Christian calling.

Third, while we are teaching the gospel to others (*2 Timothy 2:24-25*). When we share the gospel with others we are to be “gentle,” “patient,” and “humble.” Why? So that they will become penitent and know and obey the truth. Meekness of the teacher helps produce fruit in the learner.

Fourth, while we are involved in our own daily Bible study (*James 1:21-22*). If we want the word of God to enter our hearts and take root, we must approach it with meekness. A haughty attitude towards God’s word will never produce saving faith.

Fifth, while we are defending God’s word to others (*1 Peter 3:15* & *Philippians 1:17*). Why? Because you want their soul, not their approval! You want them to recognize Jesus as Lord, not you as a great debater! You want them to share your hope, not remain hopeless! You want them to understand the love in heart, not the superiority of your knowledge!

Meekness is one of the most powerful spiritual tools we have. Let us use it appropriately and to the Lord’s honor and glory!

God bless, Pat