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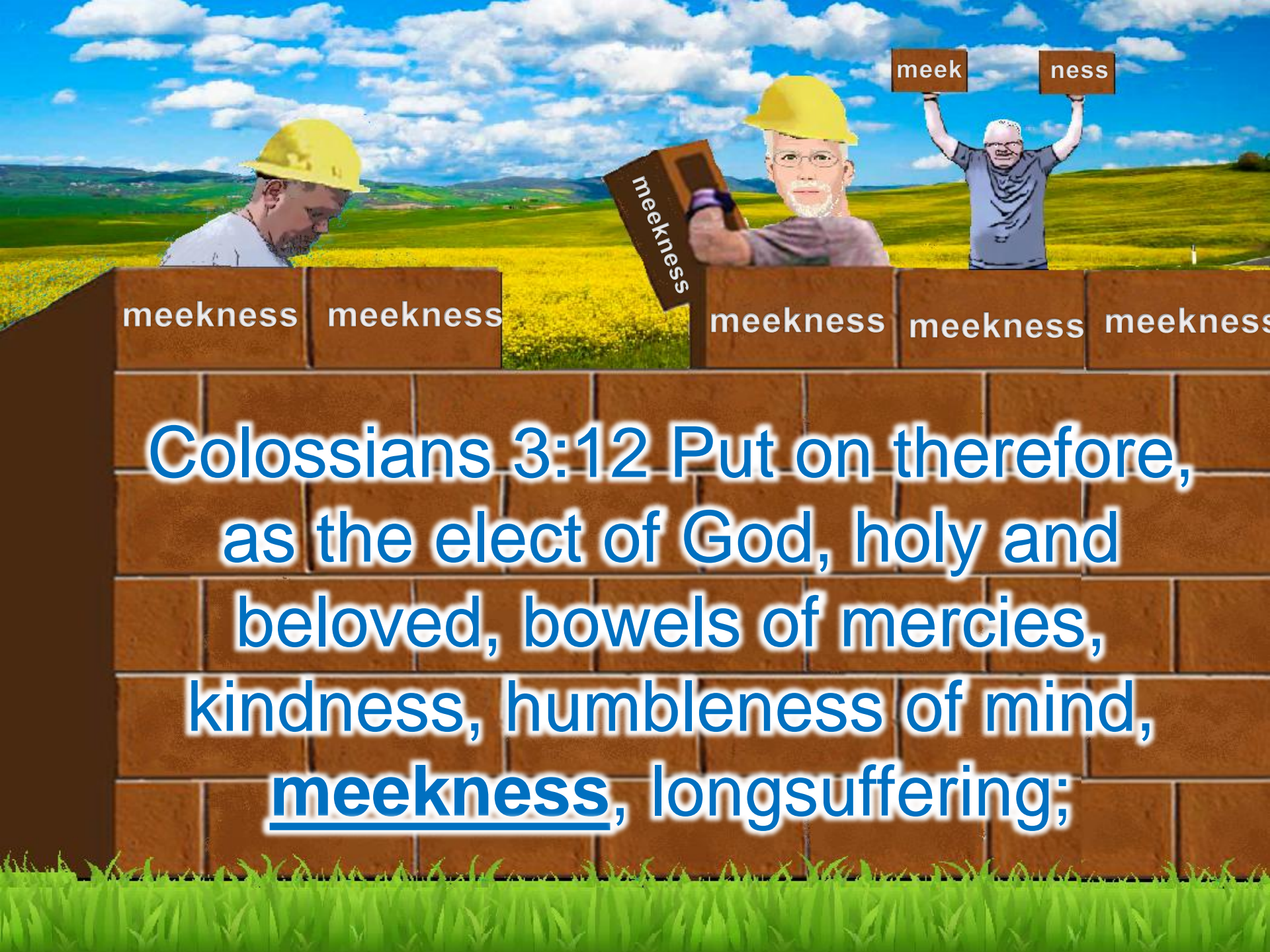


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The Christian Character Series # 6



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Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore,
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beloved, bowels of mercies,
kindness, humbleness of mind,
meekness, longsuffering;

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Psalm 37:7-11 Rest in the LORD, and **wait patiently for him: fret not thyself** because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. **Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.** For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall not be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be*. **But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.**

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meek

► adjective

1. = submissive, soft, yielding, gentle, peaceful, modest, mild, patient, humble, timid, long-suffering, compliant, unassuming, unpretentious, docile, deferential, forbearing, acquiescent • *He was a meek, mild-mannered fellow.*

opposites: submissive, forward, spirited, proud, bold, arrogant, feisty (*informal, mainly US & Canadian*), wilful, bossy, domineering, overbearing, presumptuous, immodest, self-assertive

2. = spineless, weak, tame, boneless, weak-kneed (*informal*), spiritless, unresisting, wussy (*slang*), wimpish or wimpy (*informal*) • *He may be self-effacing, but he certainly isn't meek.*

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Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 6035. עָנָו

anav *aw-nawv'* or (by intermixture with 6041) Aanayv (aw-nawv'); from 6031; depressed (figuratively), in mind (gentle) or circumstances (needy, especially saintly):—humble, lowly, meek, poor. Compare 6041. See Hebrew 6041 See Hebrew 6031 See Hebrew 6041

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YOU TALKIN' TO ME?



WELL I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE.

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- * Correct definition is essential: *Meekness is the character of Christ* (Col 3:12)
- * **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.
- * **Proverbs 15:1** A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

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- * *Meekness is the character of Christ*
- * **2 Corinthians 10:1** Now I Paul myself beseech you by the **meekness** and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *am* base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:
- * **2 Corinthians 10:9-11** That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters. For *his* letters, say they, *are* weighty and powerful; but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible. Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *will we be* also in deed when we are present.

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- * *Meekness is the character of Christ*
- * **Ephesians 4:1-3** I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and **meekness**, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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- * Describes a condition of mind/heart
 - * A confident quality, gentle attitude of spiritual poise and strength.
- * **Galatians 6:1** 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.

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- * ***MEEKNESS PRODUCES GENTLE CONDUCT*** (by one with power to do differently).
- * **Matthew 26:52-53** Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. **Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?**

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- * **John 15:18-19** If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.
- * **Matthew 5:11-12** Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

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1 Corinthians 4:12-13 And labour, working with our own hands: **being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: Being defamed, we intreat:** we are made as the filth of the world, *and are* the offscouring of all things unto this day.

Numbers 12:1-3 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard *it*. **(Now the man Moses *was* very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.)**

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The ability to take unkind remarks or actions with good nature AND The ability to hold temper in controversy

* **1 Peter 2:21-23** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, **when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:**

Meekness toward God

- * “In the OT, the meek are those wholly relying on God rather than their own strength to defend them against injustices.” (Thayer)
- * Of great value to God--**1 Pet 3:4** 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.
- * Paul’s meekness- **2 Corinthians 12:7-9** And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. **For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

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A balanced combination of strength and gentle restraint

- * **Galatians 5:22-25** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **Meekness**, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
- * Aristotle wrote: “**the ability to bear reproaches and slights with moderation, and not to embark on revenge quickly, and not to be easily provoked to anger, but to be free from bitterness and contentiousness, having tranquility and stability of spirit.**” (*On Virtues and Vices*)

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* **Leviticus 10:1-3 (KJV)** And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. **And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.** Then Moses said unto Aaron, This *is it* that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. **And Aaron held his peace.**

Psalms 39:9 (KJV) I was dumb (mute), I opened not my mouth; because thou didst *it*.

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- * **Romans 12:19** Dearly beloved, **avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath:** for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

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Pursue Meekness (1 Tim 6:11)

* **1 Timothy 6:11-12** But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Pursue Meekness

- * Present blessing--**Matthew 5:5** Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. (Psa 37:11, 34)
- * When helping fallen— [Gal 6:1] **1 Corinthians 4:18-21** Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you. But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power. For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power. What will ye? **shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and *in* the spirit of meekness?**

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- * **Seeking the Lord -- Zephaniah 2:3** Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, **seek meekness**: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.

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- * **Grow in heavenly wisdom--** James 3:13-18 Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? **let him shew out of a good conversation his works** **with meekness of wisdom**. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work. **But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.** And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

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Meekness is that virtuous quality by which...

“we treat all men with perfect courtesy,
that we can rebuke without rancor ...
that we can face the truth without
resentment, that we can be angry and
sin not, that we can be gentle and yet
not weak.”

(Wm. Barclay)

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3. Minister with a meek spirit

When we correct, counsel, teach, or preach — it must be done with gentleness. This is the mark of a Christlike servant.

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The person who bears and suffers evils with meekness and silence, is the sum of a Christian man.- Charles Wesley

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