

Kingdom Meekness

One of the most significant differences between Kingdom sons and Christians is the way they operate with confidence. Sons know who they are (not in a haughty way) and their intimate relationship with the Trinity produces absolute trust (not faith).

This feature of quiet confidence mixed with humility, produces the same meekness that Jesus had¹, as they operate in the power and authority of the Kingdom. These Kingdom citizens will stand out more and more as time moves forward in this new era of the Kingdom.

It is the meek who are blessed by Heaven and who will inherit the Earth.² It won't be those who want to be in control.

NOTE: They will “inherit the Earth” not ‘go to heaven when they die and live there forever’.

Meek is most often translated as ‘gentle’ in modern English Bible translations because ‘meek’ is an archaic English word.

‘Meek’ has within itself humility, gentleness and compassion, but that’s not where it stops. Meekness in the Kingdom is essentially knowing the power, authority and ability you have, but choosing not to wield it until it’s absolutely necessary. This is not done with frustration that action can’t be taken, but by a calm assurance that your circumstances don’t control you, Father is in charge. Trust in Father then allows you to operate in those more gentle characters without having to resort to anger, raised voice, threats, etc. When the time comes to operate in power and authority, it is done gently, and commensurate to the circumstance, without the necessity to feel that you must be in ultimate control.

Remember Jesus talking to Pontius Pilate? He was meek then, not petrified and looking to ‘worm his way out’ of the situation. He rested in Father overseeing him and his circumstances, and allowed the Spirit to tell him what to say and what to do.

Jesus made this statement early in his preaching days:

Matthew 11:29 (KJV) – *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.*

Both Jesus and Paul have modelled this truth. As Jesus is our prototype, sons must be trained to model it as well.

Meekness is absolutely essential for those who operate apolitically. John Kingsley Ally wrote this about it in his book, ‘The Apostolic Revelation’:

“Jesus said, “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls”.³ No apostle, nor any [servant]⁴ of Christ, can afford to overlook the importance of these words. Jesus was specific in telling us that when yoked in partnership with Him, we were to learn His ways and walk in them. In particular we are to take upon ourselves His gentleness and humility. Notice that this is also the key to rest, as His words make plain. In the [serving], without the gentleness and humility of Christ, spiritual rest will be hard to obtain.

Jesus spoke these words publicly, but His most important students were His own apostles. If Christ the apostle and high priest of our confession must of necessity [serve] from a position of gentleness, how much more should those He commissions as apostles to represent Him and carry His authority. This is

1 – 2 Corinthians 10:1 (NKJV)

2 – Matthew 5:5 (NKJV)

3 – Matthew 11:29

4 – ‘Minister’ terms replaced with ‘servant’ terms to get away from Christian-ese and in Kingdom language. Used throughout this quote. [LDS]

a matter of such importance that, in those years when I was developing teaching about the role of an apostle, Christ woke me one night in the Philippines to impress upon me the importance of 'the hallmark of an apostle'...

Having gentleness as a quality of heart does not mean an apostle is never strong, or does not take charge and exercise the authority of Christ, or does not discipline his children and the church as a whole. Quite the reverse. The true apostle has such love that he is faithful to correct, to rebuke and to discipline wherever there is a need. "I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority-the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down".⁵⁶

Sons operating in meekness are not brash and not dominating. Quietness, gentleness and self-control are 3 of their obvious characteristics⁷ which seem incongruous as they dispense a powerful impact wherever they go. They operate in wisdom⁸ that seems to seep effortlessly out of them to meet the needs of others in varying circumstances.

I decided quite a while ago that I would operate in meekness having been taken through a season of training to be humble.⁹

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5 – 2 Corinthians 13:10

6 – John Kingsley Alley (2002) “The Apostolic Revelation” p:67-68 [e-book version]

7 – Colossians 3:12 (NKJV)

8 – James 3:13 (NKJV)

9 – “Pusillanimous No More” (21-5-2017) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Pusillanimous-No-More.pdf