

## **The Fruit from the Spirit**

*Meekness (Gal. 5:23)*

### **I. What is 'meekness'?**

1. The secular meaning: humble, docile, overly submissive, compliant, spiritless, mild.
2. **Meekness** in Scripture: **an objectivity of mind that is not swayed by circumstance or emotions.**

### **II. Two examples of meekness.**

1. Moses was chosen by God to lead the Nation Israel out of Egypt to the Promised Land.
  - 1) Twice when the Nation failed God offered Moses a replacement nation.
    - i. At the golden calf (Ex. 32:1-10).
    - ii. At the news of the giants (Nu. 14:1-3, 11-12).
    - iii. Both times Moses stayed focused on his role.
  - 2) When Aaron and Miriam try to usurp Moses' leadership, he showed meekness in resisting them (Nu. 12:1-8).
2. Jesus (Mt. 11:29).
  - 1) Drove the money changers out of the Temple twice (Jn. 2:13-15; Mk. 11:15-16; Lu. 19:45-46).
  - 2) Ridiculed the Pharisees (Mt. 23:15, 17, 19, 27, 33).
  - 3) Told the apostles to buy swords for personal defense (Lu. 22:3p5-38).

### **III. Meekness as part of the Fruit from the Spirit.**

1. The spirit of meekness (1 Cor. 4:21; Gal. 6:1).
2. The boldness of meekness (2 Cor. 10:1).
3. Meekness in spiritual child-training (2 Tim. 2:25).
4. Meekness seen by the unsaved (Tit. 3:2; 1 Pet. 3:15).
5. Meekness fulfilling the New Commandment (Eph. 4:2).

### **IV. Meekness in the Beatitudes (Ps. 37:11; Mt. 5:5).**