



# The Lily Pad



"I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys." Solomon 2:1

## MEEKNESS IS NOT WEAKNESS

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5*

Meekness is not a characteristic that humanity readily desires because the world's philosophy of success tells us that we need to be assertive and/or aggressive but definitely not meek.

But praise be to a loving God, that in the Christian realm, when we talk about a meek person, we're not talking about a spineless wimp. We are talking about a person whose life has been brought under the influence of the Holy Spirit and God is in control of his or her life.

### **Meekness = power under CONTROL**

Matthew tells us that Jesus was meek - *Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am (meek) gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:29*

This beatitude is telling us to allow God to lead, to teach and to guide us as we go through life - "It's my life but I'm turning my destination over to you for you are my rock and redeemer." The meek are sensitive to the divine will of God. The meek allow God to be in control and are not easily provoked or irritated; they are humble.

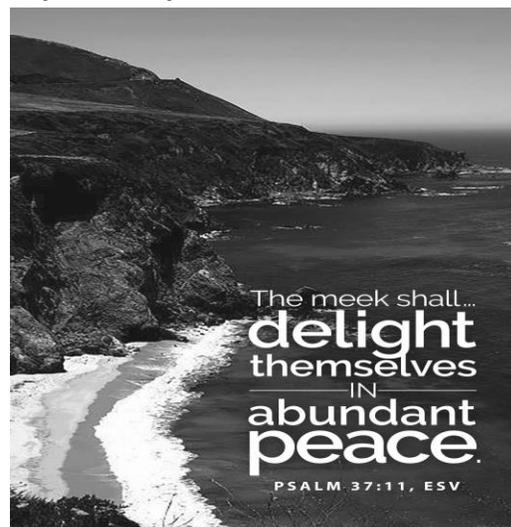
Meekness means being gentle, even-tempered, respectful and remaining under control especially when dealing with people.

*All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. 1 Corinthians 6:12*

A meek person knows their place in God's plan and strives to bloom where they're planted and are not jealous people; they are content with what God gives. They desperately know their need for God and for God's hand alone to guide, direct and to control their life. They are truly humble before both God and humanity.

*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. Romans 12:3*

A meek person quietly surrenders each day to God and you can observe and know a lot about them without ever hearing them speak a word. It doesn't mean they don't have anything to say; it's just that their actions speak for themselves.



The meek have a great influence on others and they are a joy to be around. What's the secret to this joy? Very simply, they have peace. They know who they are, they know where they're going, they know to whom they belong – they are children of Almighty God.

Starting today, may we truly set aside our agendas and our opinions to be like our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ –

**HOLY SPIRIT CONTROLLED, GENTLE, FORGIVING, HUMBLE, QUIET, and MEEK.**

Within our meekness, may our actions speak louder than our words.

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*"It takes more than a busy church, a friendly church, or even an evangelical church to impact a community for Christ. It must be a church ablaze, led by leaders who are ablaze for God." Wesley L. Duwel*