

CONTROLLING MY REACTIONS

Happy are the meek, for they will inherit the earth

Matthew 5:5

We are in a series of Jesus' Eight Secrets of Happy Living. Today we're going to look at the most misunderstood attitude - the attitude of meekness. It may sound ridiculous because the word "meek" has so changed in its primary usage in today's world. It doesn't mean what it used to mean. Today it's an insult to call a man meek. We will see that the Biblical usage is a wonderful compliment and a desired characteristic for all of us.

1. Clearing up the confusion

What meekness is NOT: w_____

What meekness IS: s_____ u_____ c_____

2. When do I need to control my reactions?

When someone **serves** you . . .

Be u_____, not d_____

Philippians 2:4,5 (GN)

When someone **disappoints** you . . .

Be g_____, not j_____

Romans 14:1

Galatians 6:1, 2

When someone **disagrees** with you . . .

Be t_____, without s_____

Proverbs 15:1 (GN)

James 3:16,17 (GN)

2 Timothy 2:24, 25

When someone **corrects** you . . .

Be t_____, not u_____

James 1:19 (Ph)

Proverbs 13:18

When someone **hurts** you . . .

Be an a_____, not a r_____

Romans 12:17, 21

Proverbs 16:32

2 Timothy 1:7

Dr. Robert S. Medcalf

First Baptist Church, Tulare

9/9/2001