

HOLY SPIRIT: A MEEK SPIRIT

“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of meekness considering yourself lest you also be tempted” (Galatians 6:1 KJV).

Meekness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:23). It is sometimes translated “gentleness.” It is another word for humility. Meekness welcomes the rule of the Holy Spirit over the human spirit. Meekness has been defined as anger under control. A meek person maintains a peaceful response when his authority is resisted. It is the same attitude as Jesus before Pilate. It is a restraint from reacting against willful opposition. Meekness should not be confused with weakness. It is self-control empowered by the Holy spirit. Moses acted in meekness when Korah rebelled against his God-given authority. Moses fell on his face before the people. He chose not to defend his authority, but to persuade his opponents. In his book *Spiritual Authority* Watchman Nee says, “He who persuades in return to attack is a truly meek person...In Moses’ action we can see that those who represent authority seek for restoration, not division, even after they have been rejected.” The Scripture says concerning Moses that he “was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth” (Numbers 12:3). The world praises strength and power. Meekness is backwards to worldly wisdom. It is the opposite of instinct. When our flesh wants to be aggressive, meekness brings control. Martyn Lloyd Jones says that “it is so completely and entirely opposed to everything which the natural man thinks.” A meek spirit is teachable and open to the instruction of the Holy Spirit.