

To win the game, lose the battle

Matthew 5:5

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”¹

- What is meekness?
- What does it mean to inherit the earth?
- Profile of a meek person (Psalm 37:1-11)

¹ Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; ² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. ³ Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. ⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: ⁶ He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. ⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. ⁹ For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. ¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. ¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.

Verse	What meek people do	What meek people receive
1-2	Don't play the comparison game	New perspective
3	Trust God's plan	Safety and security
4	Find their joy in God	Satisfaction
5-6	Follow God's plan	Righteous life
7-8	Wait patiently, rather than taking matters into their own hands	Avoid evil
9-11	Wait for God's timing	God's promises

*Those who ratchet back their anxiety and aggression
and trust God to work in his time
will receive his promises.*

¹ *The Holy Bible: New International Version*. electronic ed. Grand Rapids : Zondervan, 1996, c1984