

## Mature Love Defined - Part 3

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### I. Meekness - (Great Power Bridled by Modesty)

- Love does not parade itself (Boast)...(1 Cor. 13:4)

- A. The definition of biblical meekness is far from our modern definition. Meekness today refers to someone who is weak, spineless, helpless, and timid. Meekness biblically speaks only of someone who is very strong and powerful but chooses to refrain from using it. Meekness is not weakness; on the contrary, it is great power under restraint for the purpose of love.
- B. God loves, leads, and interacts with us from the posture of meekness. When there is a lack of meekness in our human relationships, we find violence, oppression, contention, manipulation, and dominance. However a relationship founded through tender meekness is secured and unbreakable even in the darkest hour of crisis.
- C. When God led us to himself; it wasn't through a great display of power showing us how weak and trivial we are to Him. It was instead through a great display of meekness, showing us how wanted and priceless we are to Him. A heart of loving meekness is displayed through acts of humility and service.
- D. Synonyms of Meek - Gentle, Humble, Lenient, Lowly, Patient, Mild, Modest
- E. Antonyms of Meek - Pompous, Conceded, Proud, Egotistical, Strutting

### II. Our Meek God

- A. His meekness makes us great - (Ps. 18:35, Ps. 23, Ps 72:8-14)
- B. God in the flesh - (Phil 2:5-6, Mat. 20:25-28, Luke 2:46-51, John 6:15, Rev. 5:12)
- C. Taking on the yoke of Jesus - (Matt. 11:29, Jam. 4:6)