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A SPIRIT OF MEEKNESS

Many times, people associate meekness with weakness, but that is not the definition. Meekness is a person of a humble spirit. A meek person can be very strong like Moses. He was called the meekest of all, but he went face to face with God, interceding for a nation that God wanted to destroy. Meekness can be firm, but it is gentle.

In Galatians 6:1 it says, *“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual (non-fleshly), restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”*

We have all met the opposite of a gentle person. You know the one that carries a ten-pound bible and demands with anger that sin in your life should be exposed. This is the opposite of what Galatians 6:1 is stating. This is not a meek spirit.

If we are to act with a meek spirit, we are to go to someone that is in sin and gently (a meek spirit) try to show them the error of their way. The whole purpose of going is to restore one to a relationship with the Lord and not drive them away. Yes, sin must be dealt with, but we must be gentle (meek).

A parent that disciplines in anger will hurt a child, causing that child to eventually rebel. The same thing happens with one that is in sin. We can't deal with sin with harshness and expect the good results that one would want to see. We must show that person how much God loves them despite their sin.

We must be like Moses when there was sin in the camp and heard God saying that he will destroy everyone and make a new covenant with him (Moses). Think of this for a moment. How would you respond if God wanted to make his covenant with you instead of with Abraham's seed? There was no greed in Moses. He wouldn't take what didn't belong to him. It took great spiritual strength, yet meekness for Moses to remind God of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Moses never once said destroy all these horrible sinners. He interceded for them to God, and it turned God's heart.

We should have that kind of meek heart when someone errs (sins), and love them as God does to bring restoration, not annihilation.