

THE (BE)ATTITUDES

"The (BE)Attitude of Gentleness" Matthew 5:5 June 19, 2022

Our Attitude: Gentleness

What it doesn't mean

- 1) It's not weakness
- 2) It's not being timid or shy
- 3) It's not being a coward
- 4) It's not having a lack of conviction

What it does mean

- 1) It's <u>power</u> or <u>strength</u> under control 2 Timothy 1:7; Titus 3:1-2; Colossians 3:12
- 2) It's righteous anger at the right time Proverbs 16: 3; 25:28; John 2:14-17; Matthew 23:13, 25, 27, 33
- 3) It's <u>humility</u> of heart and mind <u>Ephesians 4:1-2; Psalm 25:9</u>
- 4) It's <u>yielding</u> to God's control (sovereign plan) Genesis 50:15-21; Numbers 12:3; Matthew 26:53
- 5) It's who Jesus was and is Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Peter 2:23

"O the bliss of the man who is always angry at the right time, and never angry at the wrong time, who has every instinct, and impulse, and passion under control because he himself is God-controlled, who has the humility to realize his own ignorance and his own weakness for such a man is a king among men!" Barclay's translation.

Our Assurance & Hope: They will inherit the earth

- 1) God will elevate our influence Job 5:11
- 2) God will establish our <u>inheritance</u> Ephesians 2:7; Romans 8:16-17

Our Application

- 1) Daily <u>ask</u> the Lord to instill gentleness in your life
- 2) Daily <u>yoke</u> yourself to Jesus
- 3) Daily <u>yield</u> yourself to the process of the beatitudes

Response Questions:

- 1. Does the world view gentleness as a good or bad thing? Why?
- 2. How would you have defined gentleness before today? How do you see it differently now?
- 3. Why is it so hard for us to sometimes yield to God's plan especially when it means we must suffer or endure hardships?
- 4. How do you see in Scripture where Jesus fleshed out what it means to be gentle when He was on earth?
- 5. What does Jesus mean, "they will inherit the earth"?
- 6. What needs to change in your life so you will have this attitude of gentleness in your daily life?