

Topic: Proper Humanity – Meekness

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

Elementary:

Verse: “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” (Matthew 5:5).

Focus: We need to be meek toward others. To be meek is not to argue or fight back.

Practical Application: When someone pushes you or calls you names, you should not push or fight back. Instead, you should tell someone in charge about it.

Intermediate:

Verse: “To slander no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing all meekness toward all men” (Titus 3:2).

Focus: We need to be meek toward others. We should not resist how others treat us, even if they are wrong. We need to endure and accept our situation without resentment. We should not insist on our own ways, ideas, or wishes.

Practical Application: Your friend talks to you during class. Your teacher says you are being disruptive and decides to bench you during recess. Do you accept your teacher’s decision? Or do you go to your teacher and argue that your friend was the one who started talking and that you should not be benched?

Advanced:

Verse: “With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, bearing one another in love,” (Ephesians 4:2).

Focus: Meekness involves our heart. We need to love others. Because we love and care for others, we can be meek before them and not fight for ourselves. Not fighting for ourselves or fighting back means that inwardly we can accept our situation.

Practical Application: Jesus was the meekest person. He was even willing to die for sinners without resistance. The Lord’s dying on the cross is an example of meekness. When He was on the cross others mocked Him and said that if He was the Son of God, He should save Himself and come down from the cross. The Lord is the Son of God and He could have done it, but He chose not to. He did not fight back and justify Himself. Instead, He suffered on our behalf because He loved us. When others criticize, mock, or are mean to you, what is your attitude? Do you accept the situation or do you fight back? You can also tell the story of Mr. Hunter Corbett.

Story: In 1863, there was a preacher named Hunter Corbett who came to northern China from America to preach the gospel. He was thick-skinned and not self-conscious. When he passed through the villages, crowds of children would follow him, throwing dirt at him and mocking him. But he was conscious of nothing and kept walking. After a while, he would turn around and say with a smile, “Enough, enough.” By being oblivious of his self, the gospel was eventually preached. The ancient and great country of China was extremely conservative at that time. The Boxer Movement of 1900 intended to kill the Westerners in China and all the Chinese Christians who followed the “Western religion.” However, the people respected the older Presbyterian missionary named Mr. Corbett. Mr. Corbett could not speak eloquently, but he had a heart to love the people. He loved everyone, and he gave whatever he had to them. Eventually, everyone came to know that this was an American who was for everyone but himself. Therefore, the Boxers even had a slogan: “Kill all the Westerners and their followers, except Mr. Corbett.”