

Beatitude 3 – The Meek

Andy the Otter is the oldest otter living near Cold Water Pond. Andy owns a lot of property. In fact, he owns the Cold Water Pond Trader Joe's, two gas stations, a shoe store, and the coffee shop on the corner of Old Oak Street and Big Stump Lane. However, he has a problem. The problem is Andy has no children, and because of this he has no one to whom he can leave his property as an inheritance. Andy decided he would get all the frogs and otters together and ask them for advice.

Freddy the Frog immediately hopped to the front of the crowd and shouted out, "We should have a contest! The winner will inherit the property. We could start with a leaping contest and maybe end with a swimming race." (Freddy just happens to hold the record for both leaping and swimming in the Cold Water Pond YMCA Home School PE Class)

Andy was quite sure that this would not be the best way to decide but he didn't want Freddy to feel too bad about his idea. He asked others for more ideas. What might you have advised Andy if you would have been there?

If you have been reading through the beatitudes this week you may be able to guess what Oslo suggested. Oslo said, "I was reading the Bible and it says that the meek will inherit the earth. How about starting a club for those who are meek and leaving your property to them?"

Freddy frowned and said, "That's not a good idea! What's a Meek Club? Is that just a bunch of Mice, Eagles, Elk, and Kittens? My idea is the best and if you don't like it I'm leaving!" With that Freddy stomped his feet, turned and leaped into the pond, and swam as fast as he could to the far side of the pond. (Setting two new records to top his personal bests in leaping and swimming)

Andy knew what the Bible said about the meek and decided this might be a good solution to his problem. But what does it mean to be meek? Andy invited all the frogs and otters to form a new club. The first job he gave them was to discover what it meant to be meek. "But," he added, "It will take more than knowing what it means to be meek to be a member of the Meek Club. Only those who truly understand what it means to be meek and who are meek will be able to be a part of the club."

Now this is going to be your job too – to find out what it means to be meek. Your handout pages will give you clues but you may need to ask your parents or some other adults for help. Here's what you need to do. First, find out what it means to be meek. Next, find people in the Bible who are meek. And last but not least – give an example of someone being meek. You see – God has said that those who He sees as meek will inherit the earth. As with the other beatitudes, knowing, doing, and being those things which God considers to be the BEST will set you apart and show that you are truly blessed-- blessed not just by people but by God Himself! You'll have time next week to report back what you've learned.



For Further Study: together as families read and consider these topics for discussion:

- 1) Matt 11:29 – Yeshua is our example of meekness – Is He your standard and the standard for your children?
- 2) Matt 20:20-28 – Service – How did Yeshua set an example of service for us to follow? Read and discuss this biblical standard with your children
- 3) 1 Peter 5:5 Are you teaching your children to be respectful of the aged? Sons how do you show respect? (You can ask daughters also – but Fathers and sons do you set the example?)