



# THE LYTLE LIGHT

**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.**

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

The believer is appointed to be a lighthouse to others;  
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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**Current Sunday Schedule:** 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship  
~12:00PM—Every 4th Sunday (Except For Months With 5 Sundays)—Potluck Fellowship Meal  
~ 12:00PM—Every 5th Sunday—Potluck Fellowship Meal & Games Following Meal  
**Current Wednesday Schedule:** 5:00PM—Bible Study

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*If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.*

## MEEKNESS

Most people consider meekness to be weakness. In a world dominated by the strong – ruthless dictators, callous drug traffickers, corrupt public officials, and powerful corporate leaders – no one wants to be classified as the “wimp” of whom everyone takes advantage. But is that the biblical concept of meekness?

The first time I ever heard the third beatitude from Matthew five, that the meek are blessed and will wind up inherit earth, I thought, “What?! Well, that’s just dumb!” The way I saw it, the strong and the bold were the ones with the power. Turn the other cheek? In the world I knew, meekness wouldn’t help you survive, let alone succeed. The schoolyard bullies who tried to take my bike or lunch money certainly weren’t meek! My understanding was the same as a very professional looking man who, as he was leaving church with his wife, turned to his wife and said, “All I’ve got to say is that if the meek are going to inherit the earth, they’d better become a lot more aggressive about it.”

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# SUN ORDER OF SERVICE



- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Song No. 276—Higher Ground  
Not In Song Book—As The Deer

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 454—Jesus, Meek & Gentle  
Song No. 58—Wonderful Savior  
Not In Song Book—Come, Share The Lord

- LORD'S SUPPER •
- SERMON •

— WALKING IN MEEKNESS —

*SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:*

Matthew 11:28-29; Ephesians 4:1-2; Matthew 11:20;  
1 Corinthians 5:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:6-7; Hebrews 12:6;  
James 1:21; Matthew 5:5; Colossians 3:12-13; Galatians 6:1-2;  
2 Timothy 2:24-25; Leviticus 10:1-3; Zephaniah 2:3

*SERMON OUTLINE:*

INTRODUCTION

- I. What Is Gentleness?
  - A. The Greek Word - *πραΰτης*, Prautes (Prah-00-tace)
  - B. Meekness - Strength Under Control
  - C. The Fruit Of Lowliness
  - D. Meekness - A Response To Others, Circumstances, And God
- II. Gentleness In Action (Walking With An Attitude)
  - A. The Church At Corinth
    1. Meekness And Sin
    2. Meekness And My Brother
  - B. Meekness And God's Word
  - C. What The Calling Demands
    1. Sin Against Me Personally
    2. Called To Correct Another
    3. When Tempted To Vigorously Defend Self
    4. Aaron's Response

CONCLUSION / INVITATION

Invitation Song No. 140—I Hear The Savior Say

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 358—O To Be Like Thee

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •
- DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

# WED NIGHT STUDY

JUNE 14 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall  
Please Join Us If At All Possible!  
(Use Rear Doors)

— Subject To Be Announced—  
LESSON NO. TO BE ANNOUNCED



THESE ARE OUR NEXT OCCASIONS  
FOR "TABLE" FELLOWSHIP:

— JUNE 25 —

4th Sunday Fellowship Meal  
After Morning Worship

— JULY 30 —

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal  
After Morning Worship

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(See Matthew 5:5)

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SOON AFTER THE MEEK INHERIT THE EARTH  
THEY TRY TO GIVE IT TO EACH OTHER

In Meekness, Are You  
Living In God's  
Strength?

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But as I've grown over the years in my understanding of the Bible, I've learned that real strength isn't in muscles or aggressive behavior. Real strength is spiritual. It is understanding that as children of God, made in His image and likeness, we reflect the only real power – God's power – for He is omnipotent: all powerful and all good. So, when Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek" (Matthew 5:5), He was not advocating a spineless acceptance of life or a doormat mentality. He was telling His followers to be submissive to God – to be willing to trust and put their strength under His control.

Allow me to illustrate this truth by an example: There is a wonderful cooperation between a powerful horse and its rider. A horse is an animal of tremendous size, power, and strength – seven or eight times the weight of a man, who submits itself to its master's control. A horse may race, leap, turn, prance, or stand motionless at the rider's slightest command. Betsy and I had the opportunity to see the internationally renowned Royal Lipizzaner Stallions on a trip to Las Vegas. A huge, beautiful, white horse submitted itself to a small (by comparison) man who had the horse jump and pirouette and trot and canter. I remember thinking that the stallion had all that power available, yet it was gentle and meek in the hands of its rider. That's strength under perfect control – and that defines the biblical concept of Christian meekness.

When we willingly place ourselves under the control of God, we are following the example of Jesus Himself while He lived on this earth. Jesus, with all the power of God available to Him, submitted that power to the Father's will (John 5:30



– "I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because *I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father* who sent Me."; John 6:38 – "For I have come down from heaven, *not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*"; Hebrews 10:5-10 – "Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. <sup>6</sup> In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'Behold, I have come – In the volume of the book it is written of Me – To do Your will, O God.'" <sup>8</sup> Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them"

(which are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then He said, "*Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.*" He takes away the first that He may establish the second. <sup>10</sup> By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (*emphasis mine*)

But our world is focused on power and wealth. Many believe that while it's okay to speak of gentleness on Sunday morning, it's not going to work in our everyday world come Monday. Gentleness is fine on Sunday morning, but it's not going to win football games on Sunday afternoon. This is an accurate assessment of how most people view gentleness or meekness. So, while preachers teach on its virtues, most everyone else sees it as a fairy tale, wrongly believing "God helps those who help themselves," or "Only the strong survive." People mistakenly believe that the meek are the ones who get trampled underfoot, or that since we live in a dog-eat-dog world, those who are meek go around life with Milk

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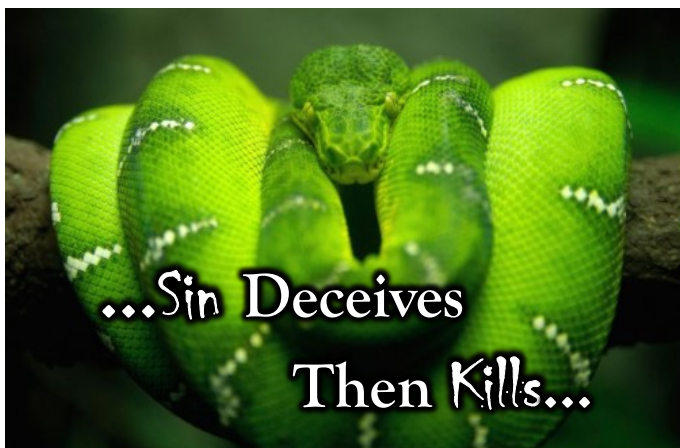


- great-niece] — Praise To GOD! She's doing well and thriving via her every-three-hour feeding through her g-tube.
- ◇ Cook, Charles [Laura Gardner's brother-in-law] — He had a biopsy on his prostate and is looking into a second opinion.
  - ◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal's son] — **Praise To GOD!** He's doing much better after the procedure to pulverize some kidney stones that were giving him issues.
  - ◇ Gardner, Jim's 82-year-old neighbor [Name Unknown] [From Hondo, TX] — He's been diagnosed with Multi-myeloma (A type of cancer of the plasma cells in bone marrow).
  - ◇ Harris, Hallie Kay [Fintels' new great granddaughter] — **Praise GOD!**, was born healthy on April 13 at 2:36 PM. She was 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches in length.
  - ◇ Hubert, Donald [Deborah Smoot's friends husband] — His cancer has metastasized and he's planning to start a round of chemo.
  - ◇ Jacob, Jay [Carol Vierling's best friend] — He's been diagnosed with a tumor at the base of his skull.
  - ◇ Kyler, Terry [Melanie McMeans' cousin's wife] — She stopped breathing, was rushed to the hospital where much fluid was discovered in her lungs. No mention of pneumonia at this time.
  - ◇ (Last Name Unknown), Brandy [Wendell McMeans' coworker] — She was to have a biopsy on her leg and knee where several masses were discovered.
  - ◇ McMeans, Wesley [Wendell McMeans' brother] — He was recently released from the hospital after being admitted for food poisoning which caused other stomach problems.
  - ◇ Messinger, Sarah [Yvette Messinger's (Former Child Member) & Pam Flatequal's niece] — She was married Saturday, April 29.
  - ◇ Morris, Barry [Tom Woodard's football official friend] — He's dealing with prostate cancer.
  - ◇ Murphy Family [Tom's high school friend] — Phil: undisclosed surgery on June 5 | wife, Donna: she had back surgery on April 11 and she continues to do well, **Praise GOD!** | daughter, Beth: knee surgery on May 10.
  - ◇ Orr, Lori — She continues to improve while in palliative care.
  - ◇ Potter, Edna [TOPS friend of the Watkins'] — 94-year-old Edna fell and broke three bones in her pelvis and hit her head causing a gash. She's now in rehab.
  - ◇ Rincon, Allysa [Betty Smith's granddaughter] — She and Billy [Last Name Not Known] are set to be married Wednesday, June 10.
  - ◇ Renninger Family [Harold] — He passed Sunday, April 6. His funeral is scheduled for Friday, May 12 at Fort Sam Houston.
  - ◇ Shermer, Betty [Barbara Felts' (former member) sister] — She's in a nursing home. Barbara says she believes Betty has "given up."
  - ◇ Smith, Zachary [Ronda Spicer's daughter-in-law, Barbara Brown's nephew] — **Praise To GOD!** He is in remission from his leukemia. Doctors will continue to monitor his condition every couple of months and continue with maintenance chemo for a the next two months or so.
  - ◇ Smoot, Mary Jane [Roger Smoot's cousin's spouse] — She's been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma cancer. **Praise GOD!**, she's responding well to treatment(s).
  - ◇ Vela, Olivia Raye [Ruane Renninger's newest great granddaughter] **Praise To GOD!** She was born May 19 and is a healthy girl. Congratulations to the Velas and Renningers!
  - ◇ Watkins, Betsy — **Praise To GOD!** She was released from Granite Mesa and is now at home! She's barely ambulatory and still needs help but she's determined to get better and is receiving home health care including PT!
  - ◇ Welsby, Carol [Friend of the Vierlings] — She still has a long row hoe recovering from her fall.
  - ◇ Woodard, Ruth [Tom Woodard's sister] — She had a heart cath procedure on Wednesday, May 24 and **Praise To GOD!** her physician was pleased with the results!

# SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

## ROMANS 7:7-12

<sup>7</sup> What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup> But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. <sup>9</sup> I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. <sup>10</sup> And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. <sup>11</sup> For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. <sup>12</sup> Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.



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But as I’ve already said, meekness isn’t weakness. There is great strength in meekness. It’s the very power of God’s word working through us as we willingly yield to His will. Consider Moses. The Bible says, “Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth (Numbers 12:3).” Moses was the most influential man of that time. In fact, Moses was one of the most influential men of all times, and yet at the same time he was one of the most humble, gentle, and meek man there was. But Moses wasn’t alone in this quality of gentleness. The same could be said about Jesus, or the Apostle Paul.

Concerning Himself Jesus said, “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:29).

And yet when Jesus entered the Temple, he drove out the merchants, knocked over the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of those who were selling doves for sacrifice (Matthew 21:12).

The Apostle Paul said, “Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ – who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you” (2 Corinthians 10:1). But when confronting wrong, Paul boldly stood up to the Apostle Peter basically calling him a hypocrite (Galatians 2:11-21).

From these examples of Moses, Paul, and especially Jesus, and what they accomplished and the manner they went about accomplishing it, meekness or gentleness is the furthest thing from being weak or ineffective. These guys were movers and shakers. So, meekness and gentleness go hand-in-hand with strength. It describes someone with power who chooses not to dominate or assert themselves on others. So meekness or gentleness is strength accompanied by humility and a genuine dependence on God. Perhaps we could say it like this: “Meekness [gentleness] is power under God’s control.”

# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Rick & Pam Fintel	June 1	Anniversary
Tom & Pat Woodard	June 10	Anniversary
Lea Strunk	June 27	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And June 30, 2023,  
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### — Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p><b>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch –</b>  <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i>                      Every 4th Sunday Of <b>Every</b> Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday</p>
Every Monday	 <p><b>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) –</b> Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.</p>
Sun–June 18	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Morality</i></b> – for channel: <a href="https://www.searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–June 25	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Whatever</i></b> – for channel: <a href="https://www.searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–June 25	<b>Fellowship Lunch</b> after morning worship service

### — Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p><b>Lytle Friendship Art Club –</b> Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch &amp; Demonstration(s)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p><b>VFW Auxiliary –</b> Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p><b>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) –</b> Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun–Jun 11	<b>National German Chocolate Cake And Corn-On-The-Cob Days</b>
Mon–Jun 12	<b>National Jerky Day &amp; National Peanut Butter Cookie Day</b>
Wed–Jun 14	<b>Flag Day &amp; Army's 248th Birthday &amp; National Strawberry Shortcake Day</b>
Thu–Jun 15	<b>National Lobster Day &amp; World Elder Abuse Awareness Day</b>
Fri–Jun 16	<b>Fresh Veggies Day &amp; National Fudge Day &amp; Ugliest Dog Day</b>
Sat–Jun 17	<b>Eat Your Veggies Day &amp; Apple Strudel Day</b>
Sun–Jun 18	<b>Fathers' Day &amp; International Picnic Day &amp; Family Awareness Day</b>

## GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

**ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?  
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!**

## INTERACTIVE

### Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: [video.wvbs.org/spotlight](http://video.wvbs.org/spotlight)

## DAILY Bible Reading —



### Immersive — Through OT Once & NT Three Times

SUN	Psa 6; Psa 7; Psa 8; Acts 24; Acts 25
MON	Psa 9; Psa 10; Psa 11; Acts 26; Acts 27
TUE	Psa 12; Psa 13; Psa 14; Acts 28; Rom 1
WED	Psa 15; Psa 16; Psa 17; Rom 2; Rom 3
THU	Psa 18; Psa 19; Psa 20; Rom 4; Rom 5
FRI	Psa 21; Psa 22; Psa 23; Rom 6; Rom 7
SAT	Psa 24; Psa 25; Psa 26; Rom 8; Rom 9

## WANT TO BE

### Part Of Our Local Family?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Fill out a Visitor’s Card with all your family information, making sure to check the box on front that says, **Wish To Serve In this Congregation**, then place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

## MEMORIZE Scripture —

### ROMANS 3:21-26

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, <sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.



### ROMANS 6:20-23

<sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

