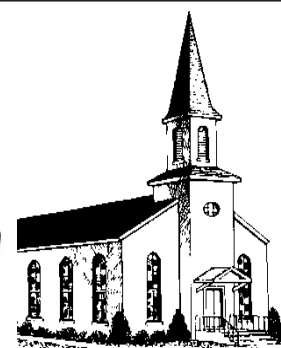


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Blessed Are The Meek, by Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

As you study the character traits described in the Beatitudes, you can't help but realize one thing; these qualities are by no means natural to the human spirit. They are very foreign.

Poverty of spirit, true mourning over personal sins against God and meekness does not come to us naturally.

The greatest preacher of all time, Jesus Christ, proclaimed "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." (Matt. 5:5)

The Greek word for "meek" means to be gentle; to be strong, very strong, yet be humble and tender. It is a man with all the emotions and ability to take and conquer, but he is able to control himself in all ways. It is a state of being disciplined — a man who is disciplined because he is God-controlled.

W. E. Vine writes: "Meekness is an unwrought grace of the soul; and the exercise of it are first and chiefly towards God. It is temper of spirit in which we accept His dealings with us as good and therefore without disputing and resisting."

True meekness is a submissive and trusting attitude toward God. It is an attitude which considers all things that come your way as being for God's good purpose in your life. Meekness looks beyond circumstances, no matter how upsetting and hurtful, and humbly bows the knee to the Sovereign God.

Jesus is the perfect picture of someone who was filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 4: 1) and lived a life of true meekness. He had all the power needed to prevent His arrest and crucifixion, yet He surrendered to God's will. (Matthew 26: 53 - 45) He fully understood the sovereignty of God and the results of the

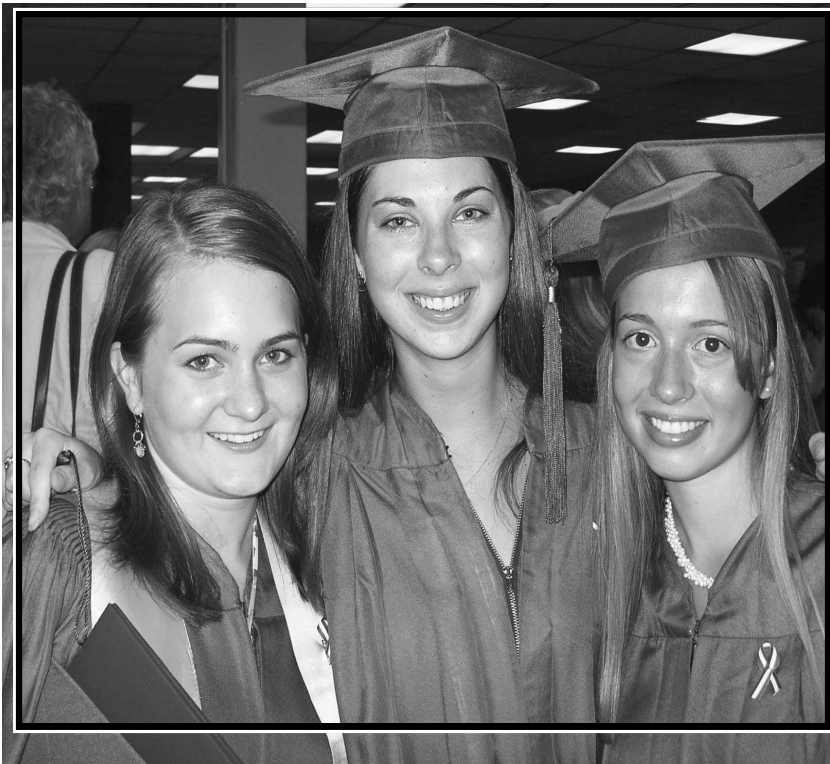
free will of man. Jesus said to Pilate, "You would have no authority over Me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." (John 19: 11) Jesus knew that Judas Iscariot would betray Him. God used it to accomplish His plan of redemption, and yet Judas was and will be fully accountable before God. (Acts 1: 15 - 19)

Man has strength to ignore God's will or to take God's gifts, talents, and abilities and use them for self or he may choose to use God's good blessings to glorify the Lord. Without meekness, he will squander what is given to him by God to gain earthly wealth, self-satisfaction and fame (little or great).

The Beatitude of meekness epitomizes the results of kneeling in total submission to God's will. It comes from the indwelling Holy Spirit and from allowing Him to produce Christ-like character in us. Are you craving that submissive spirit of meekness that bows and responds to the mighty sovereignty of God with joyful obedience? Meekness says, "not my will, but Yours be done." (Matthew 26: 39)

The Bible says, "...the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace." (Proverbs 37: 11) Jesus says, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:29) The meek will rule and reign with Christ upon this earth someday. (2 Tim. 2:12)

True meekness is not a natural character trait. It can only be obtained by knowing Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord. Invite Christ into your life today and discover the joyful surrender of true meekness.



Dreams of Today... Realities of Tomorrow

The crowded school auditorium is hushed as the strains of "pomp and circumstance" fill the air with excitement and anticipation. Graduating students march proudly down the aisle in their traditional cap and gown; families proudly watch.

Some of these young people are our future doctors, scientists, poets and presidents. Others will operate our factories or farm our land. Whatever the endeavor, each will leave his or her mark upon our world. Through them, the dreams of today shall become the realities of tomorrow.

As we honor our new graduates, let us praise God as He continues to guide them along their chosen paths and strengthen them with His loving touch; and "as His anointing teaches you about all things...just as it has taught you, remain in Him." (1 John 2:27e).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Acts 2:1-21	Acts 2:22-47	Acts 4:1-22	Acts 4:23-37	Acts 11:1-18	Acts 15:1-21	Acts 15:22-41

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Birthdays and anniversaries: Inez Jackson - May 24; Larry and Jodi Lyon - May 26; Jody Lyon, Chance Harmon - May 27; Arnold Jackson - May 28; LaVerne Milner, Ron and Renee Harmon - May 29; Jamie Wentz, Tad and Rebecca Hartsough - May 30.

Marguerite Clark, Wayne and Norma McCallister joined Bee Nelson, Lula Hix and her daughter, Linda (Hix) Young, Conifer, Colo., for pizza Friday evening, May 19, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

Saturday evening, May 20, Bee Nelson accompanied Ruby and Mike Cook of Clayton and their son, Todd Cook, Dakota, Quinton and Shakira of Oberlin, to Norton for the hog roast party in honor of Jessica Cook. Jessica Cook graduated from Norton Community High School on Sunday, May 21.

The Norcatutur Royal Neighbors were guests of the McCook Royal Neighbors Tuesday, May 16, for a Mother's Day dinner at the McCook Pizza Hut. Those attending were Estella Harold, Beth Johnson, Dorothy Woods, and Lora and Lee Arnold. Everyone came home with a door prize.

Lee and Lora Arnold had Mother's Day dinner at Jennings Sunday, May 14, at the Jennings School cafeteria, hosted by the Jennings Lions Club.

Kenneth and Pansy Price were Sunday afternoon, May 21, visitors of Virgil and Joyce Price.

Gerald and Judy Jackson returned Sunday evening, May 21, from a trip to Denver, combining doctor checkups with visiting children and grandchildren. They also spent Thursday evening, May 18, with Carole (Jackson) Salter and husband, Butch, for dinner and a tour of the new addition to their home.

Keith Anthony returned Sunday, May 21, from nearly two weeks in Killeen, Texas, with his daughter Lynn. They also visited Crystal and Trinity in Austin, Texas. Trinity turned three on May 16, so they were there for her birthday party.

There were three tables present for cards at Senior Citizens Friday evening, May 19. Winners were Beth Johnson, Clint Hatfield and Mary Sedlmayer. The next meeting will be Friday evening, June 2, at 7 p.m. at the Methodist Educational Building.

The Kenneth Prices went to the high school graduation of their grandson, Matthew Wolf, at Kensington on Saturday, May 20.

Matthew was recipient of the D.C. Duer Foundation Scholarship Award, and the Kansas Board of Regents Certificate of Recognition for completing the Kansas Scholars Curriculum. He plans to go to Fort Hays to study criminal law. Following graduation the Prices went to a reception honoring Matthew. They stayed overnight with the Wolfs to celebrate Kenneth's birthday on Sunday.

Ron and Marlene Wolf attended their daughter Erica's graduation on Friday, May 19, in Concordia. She received a plaque in recognition of outstanding performance in the agricultural department. Erica is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Pansy Price.

Vacation Bible School will begin at the Norcatutur United Methodist Church at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 3.

The Norcatutur United Methodist Church will hold a farewell supper on Saturday, June 17, at the Educational Building for Pastor Kathy Aeillo, beginning at 7 p.m.

Norcatutur will hold a city wide garage sale on June 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Maps will be available later. For information call Chris Dempewolf at (785) 693-4461.

The Norcatutur Commercial Club will be giving out scholarships for students from the Norcatutur area. The scholarships are available for anyone continuing their education at a vo-tech, junior college, or university. Applications may be picked up at The Bank, Norcatutur Post Office, or Norcatutur City Office, and must be returned by June 1.

Guests the weekend of May 20 at the Stan Millers' were Bev Morris, Hoxie; Chad, Aimee and Eli Applebury, Colby; and Casey Morris of Lawrence. Casey has now gone to live in Lubbock, Texas, where he will work for Occidental Petroleum this summer until school starts again in the fall.

Dorothy Ward visited and had lunch with Lora Linn Leichliter at the Cedar Living Center on Friday, May 19. She stayed and went with Lora Linn to an afternoon program, followed by ice cream. She also saw Velda and Frank Ward and Lowell Sebaugh.

Wava Reames took Frank Ward to Kearney for a checkup. Everything checked out okay. He is getting stronger all the time. He and Velda still "keep the cards a flyin'" at the Cedar Living Center.

Leslie and Lynn Ward and Wava Reames took pizza to Frank and Velda Ward at Cedar Living Center on Friday evening, May 20. It was a late anniversary celebration.

NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

Callers over the Memorial Day weekend to visit Marie Engelhardt were nephew, Jim and Barb Johnson, Aurora, Neb.; niece Vera Schra, McPherson; niece Velma and Lowell Cochran, Syracuse; Alberta Geil, Almena; John and Dorothy Nelson, Osborne. Jim and Vera took Marie to Mt. Hope Cemetery and put out flowers for her. The cemetery really looked nice despite the strong winds.

Maxine Brooks and son Frank Brooks and daughter Shirley and Jerry Gallentine attended the Memorial Day services in Norcatutur. They also attended the open house for Arnold Jackson's 90th birthday. Then they attended the 54th Davis family reunion at the Senior Center in Norton. Monday, Maxine went to Norcatutur to LaVerne Milner's 90th birthday. Tuesday they went to McDonald's for breakfast and then left for their homes.

Memorial weekend visitors of Deloros and Bozie Bozarth on Saturday were their daughter, Denise and husband Dave Whisman, of Plainville. Sunday visitors were their grandson and his wife, Matthew and Julie Waggoner, of Salina. Monday visitors were Deloros' sister and husband, Arlene and Bob Rogers, Plainville. Other weekend visitors were their daughter-in-law, Marla Bozarth and children, Hayli and Eli, of Norton.

Weekend guests of Doris Mizell were her daughter and husband, Carolyn and Roger Linsenmeyer, Beatrice, Neb. Lester Mizell joined them for lunch on Saturday. Saturday evening Doris, Carolyn and Roger attended the Clayton Alumni Banquet at the Legion.

They enjoyed seeing friends they hadn't seen for some time. Charlene (Salisbury) Hughes, Long Beach, Calif., said she reads the Manor News as she gets *The Telegram*. Sunday they visited with Ray and Lester, then went to the Clayton Cemetery to put out flowers. They also went to Jennings to visit Patty and Jerry Foster. Peggy and Jared were home for the weekend. Peggy was proud of her 4.0 average for the semester and of course Grandma was proud of her, too.

Arnold Jackson celebrated his 90th birthday with a celebration at the Educational Building in Norcatutur after the Memorial Day activities. His birthday is really June 12 but all his children could be here this weekend. So, if you forgot to send him a card you still can.

Colette and Mick Miller took Ethel Miller to Norcatutur Saturday evening to put out flowers.

Anetta Knapp attended a backyard picnic on May 20 at the home of Marty and Sharron Smith in honor of Kelly Jones, son of Sharron. He is in the Air Force and is being sent to Korea. Those present were Dick and Hazel Ames, Long Island; Lori and Troy Barlow, Ulysses; Teresa Jones (his wife) and family; Frank and LeVonne Otter and Gab, New Almelo; Rex Knapp and friend and Anetta.

Flora and Kenney Sanders of Topeka visited last week with Mary Keith and Lena and James Skrdlant. Ed and Linda Keith visited with Mary Keith. Diana and Bill Greving and Mary Keith attended graduation at Gardner, for Mary's great-granddaughter, Katie Murphy.