

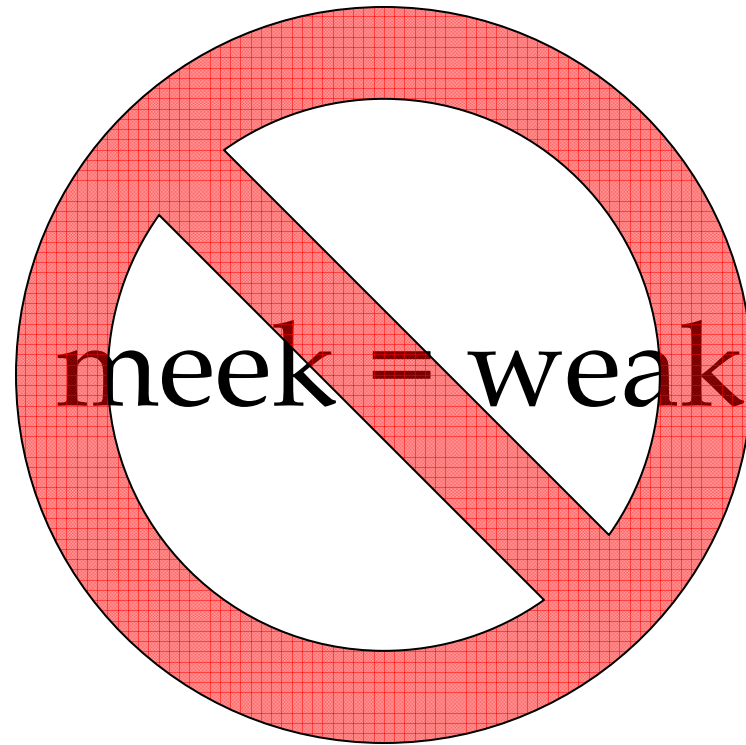
Meekness: Pursuing Excellence in the Service of Others

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Meekness explored

- Meekness synonyms
- “Thou wert the meekest man that ever ate in hall among ladies”



mEEK = weak

Meekness defined

- Meekness
 - The strength to submit
 - Opposite of self-will
- Presents a problem for leaders!

Why does this all matter?

- Meekness is in short supply at Harvard
 - Can I be successful without being horrible or even simply unpleasant?
 - Leadership depends on meekness
- “The meek shall inherit the earth” (Ps. 37)
 - New creation language
 - Part of redemption
 - Stakes for failure are high

Example



Moses parting his hair

Used without permission

The man Moses

- Group I: Moses' leadership criticized
- Group II: Moses' leadership challenged
- Group III: Moses' leadership corrupted

- In each situation:
 - Tell the story in plain English
 - Discuss how Moses demonstrated meekness. What role did his meekness play in his leadership style?

Moses' development

- Stage I: Over-eagerness
- Stage II: Unwillingness
- Stage III: Meekness and strength
- Failure and its consequences

Practical Meekness

- Racism
- Self-promotion in the academy
- Authority
- Relationships
- Conflict/forgiveness
- Envy
- Others...

The Vision

“In lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.” (Philippians 2:3)

- Lasting success requires meekness, meekness engenders service
- Where do we get the strength to lose our self-will?