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Food for Thought # 97

THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH - [Mathew: 5:5]

A couple of weeks ago a dear minister friend of mine asked me to minister to a group of ladies regarding “meekness”.

It was a challenge for me. Meekness has been a virtue that I can honestly say I did not have. Since I was a young child, especially after I went through a rough patch in my life, I became quite of a rebel and definitely was under the impression that **“meekness was a form of weakness”**, an attribute possessed by people with no spine...!

Well our Father knows us and loves us so much that He will not give up on us to teach us and transform us in order to become more and more like our beloved Jesus, and in the past four years the Lord has definitely taught me how do become meek...!

As a woman my best example in the bible has been Mary, the mother of Jesus... a woman of great strength. She was selfless, void of self-interest and restrained her self-assertiveness, submitting herself totally to God. Mary had great self-control (*a fruit of the Spirit*); she really knew **“who she was in God”**... it was this that empowered her to be able to submit to God and His will, even in the face of possible death (*execution by public stoning*)...!

When the Holy Spirit came to her and told her that she was going to give birth to a son and to name him Jesus, she responded in this way: [Luke 1:38]

“Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be done to me according to Your word.”

Mary had the **knowledge of God’s promises and she believed in them**. She was humble enough to accept who she really was *“in God”* and had the willingness to obey God even though the cost would be very great.

I now firmly believe that humble people are those who are really strong, and since they have nothing to prove, they don’t have to flaunt their strength or use it to dominate others. **Humility leads to meekness**. I need to specify that meekness is NOT weakness; rather it is **STRENGTH UNDER CONTROL**, a strength used to build up rather than to tear down.

Meekness is a strong virtue and once we become it we can then inherit the earth. We can inherit the blessings and promises that God has given us. We can walk straight into our destiny that our Heavenly Father has created for us before the foundation of this world and when we do that, we can then sing with joy just like Mary did: **“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior”** [Luke 1:47-55]

Let us all rise up and become who we are in God... to become the Men and Woman that God intends us to be... people with the power and strength under control to build and not destroy. If God asks us to step out of our comfort zone asking us to risk everything, when the call comes, will we have the humility and the meekness to accept His will? Let us all seriously think about this and believe that the goodness and mercy of our Lord will give us strength.

Peace and all Good to all of you...!