

# Blessed - The Gentle Disposition

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**“Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.”**

Matthew 5:5

“If you're a beggar in spirit and you mourn over your sin, then something else is going to be true. As a pattern of life, you're not going to become angry or bitter at the people who wrong you. Why? Because you know that apart from God's grace, you would be just like them, and you were just like them. If you display humility of heart, submission to God and to the authorities in your life, and gentleness toward all, beloved, you can know that God has changed your heart.” Pastor Tom Pennington

**\*Praise Prayers** ~ *Merciful Father, our God of controlled strength and power, we praise You and bless You today. Your tender love bends low to show us such pity and patience with gentleness. Lord Jesus, what a loss it must have been to those who mourned over Your earthly passing, for they lost Your tender touches and looks of love. You always knew how to deal gently and show consideration for all men.*

*What a lovely disposition You had as a man of the flesh, even when You were tired, hungry, or uncomfortable.*

*Never did You relax Your restraints and give in to annoyances, responding with frustration. You never did express harsh, cruel, or rude behavior with Your family, for You are the Lion and the Lamb. And we know love by this, that You laid down Your life for us. Your essence is still the same today as the King of kings. And You have given the divine blessing of sharing Your Holy Spirit with believers so that we may express*

*Your tenderness and nurturing affection to others. May we abide in You, imitate You, and with the look of love, be gentle among others, like a mother caring for her children.*

*We offer You our praises as we dwell on how kingly and kindly You shower mankind with compassionate care.*

**\*Isaiah 40:11 ~ Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.**

*You, our Shepherd, are sensible of our spiritual state. As our burden-bearer, You know our cares. You are strong, while we are weak. Through tending and nurturing, You carry us through each suffering with gentleness.*

**\*Matthew 11:29-30 ~ “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. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”**

*Blessed Jesus, You defined Your own heart and described it as gentle and humble. Come quickly, Lord Jesus, for we long to behold Your glory, see Your face, look into Your adoring eyes, and see their pools of love.*

**\*James 3:17 ~ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.**

*Even Your wisdom is gentle, for it puts a bridle on our sinful passions, tempers our hasty impulses, and keeps humility as the guardian of our will. We rejoice that there is no hypocrisy in Your gentleness.*

**\*Psalm 18:35 ~ You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, and Your right hand upholds me; and Your gentleness makes me great.**

*Lord, You are well acquainted with our needs and the many weaknesses of man. Your righteous training is tempered with such gentleness that we do not lose hope. You make men great for Your kingdom purposes.*

**\*Matthew 21:5 ~ “SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, ‘BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY, EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.’”**

*The great “I AM” humbled Himself before His own created beings. O Lord, no sinful pride lured You into exalting Yourself. A lowly borrowed beast was Your chariot. You never defended Your personal rights in anger.*

**\*Isaiah 30:18 ~ Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who long for Him.**

*We are awestruck, for You wait for the best time to surprise us with Your favors and show us Your glory!*

**\*Confessions** ~ *Oh, Lord Jesus, have compassion on us. You know we are in desperate need of Your strength to imitate Your gentleness. Sometimes we get tangled up with pride and tempers. We may argue with You and refuse to submit to Your wisdom for our lives. Show us if we harbor bitterness toward You because our prayers, hopes, and dreams seem to have miscarried. Forgive us for insisting on our rights or responding in anger, especially when You do not answer our prayers according to our plans. In all our weakness and frailty, carry us, Lord, for You are the mighty one into whose arms we fall. At times, the unfading beauty of a kind and peaceful spirit is not how we act nor represent You to others, especially to the ones that mean the most to us. You are seated on the throne of all the universe, yet You tenderly care for us, guide us, and even use us for Your perfect purposes. Keep us mindful of Your condescension in coming to us, so that we are humbled and changed. May our dispositions represent a gentle and quiet spirit, which You promise to be precious in Your sight. Please hear the silent confessions of our struggles and failings. Remember, Lord, that You delight in mercy. We seek Your mercy now as we pause to silently repent from all that You bring to our minds.*

**Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love. Micah 7:18**

**\*Thanksgiving** ~ *We thank You that in You there is mercy, forgiveness, and restoration to help in our every time of need. Your unchanging love is our delight!*

**\*Intercession** ~ *Our Lord, we ask for Your continued divine blessings upon our faithful leaders and their wives:*

*Insert names here:*


**Galatians 6:1** ~ **Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.**

**\*Brethren,** ~ *Oh, Father, these men are our brothers in Your family. These are the saints in the land in whom is all our delight. As they minister to this body, please remind them of our relationship to them as their spiritual family and give them brotherly love toward us.*

**\*even if anyone is caught in any trespass,** ~ *As temptations can come upon us suddenly, please give these men victory over every fiery dart. May they not be caught and snared, nor trapped in any sin pattern.*

**\*you who are spiritual,** ~ *We thank You, Lord, that these men have been tried and tested and proven as faithful and fully committed to Your Word. Guard them, bless them, and keep them in the mind of Christ.*

**\*restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness;** ~ *Let them bring this flock unto repentance through Your faithful reproofs and wise counsels. Give them the gentleness that mourns their brother's fall. Grant them true affection and the healing balm of Your Word to set us right with You again.*

**\*each one looking to yourself,** ~ *As each man has his own mountains to climb and battles to fight, make each one alert to any hindering log in his own eye. May they treat others as carefully as they would treat themselves.*

**\*so that you too will not be tempted.** ~ *Undergird them, so they quickly identify the bait Satan dangles in their way and then overcome temptations. Give them the victory to reject sin's enticements and choose holiness.*

**\*The Congregation and PrayerSHOP Warriors** ~ *Father, may we also bear this spiritual evidence of Your tenderness with our brothers and sisters. Help us to treat others as we would have them treat us. We seek to conquer every temptation to judge another. Teach us how to build up the body of Christ for Your exaltation.*

**Benediction** ~ **The LORD knows the days of the blameless, and their inheritance will be forever.** Psalm 37:18  
*Blessed Lord Jesus, as King of kings and Lord of lords, soon, every knee will bow to You. Yet today, in Your gentle disposition, You will not break a bruised reed and will deal gently with those who humble themselves before You. May we and those whom we pray for take Your yoke upon us and learn from You to be gentle.*

*Blessed be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen!*