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Topic: Studies in Titus - Meek to All

Text: Titus 3:1-2

1. The world looks out for people who are domineering and can push their way through things by unscrupulous means. The Church of Crete was no different and they behaved like bullies. This is not the spirit of Jesus Christ, who is meek and lowly in heart. A meek person is a humble and submissive person even in the face of offense. There is no malice and spirit of vengeance. He does not think of himself more highly than he ought to think. In all his ways, there is great temperance and control.
2. We ought to show meekness to those higher in authority (v1). This teaching does not mean we bootlick them. We respect and obey them because we know that they are placed in authority by God. This includes listening to our bosses at work when what they ask us to do does not contradict God's Word. There may be difficult situations where we need to pray and seek God for wisdom to show forth good works and be a good testimony.
3. We ought to show meekness to those equal and lower than us (v2). Do not gossip and bring others down even if the person did something wrong against you. Our prime example is the Lord Jesus Christ who endured the mocking of His enemies and went to die on the cross for our sins. If we want to be like Him, do not seek vengeance for your name. We ought to be patient to all and not bully those who are in a lower rank than us. This includes the use of social media as a platform to raise up issues that causes you to be unhappy.

*Keep your power under control*