

characteristic of biblical meekness. Meekness is active in reaching out to others. It is firm and yet gentle, it can be tough and yet kind, assertive yet self-effacing. It can be seen in its perfection in the person of Jesus Christ.

Having the privilege of working with a team leader who exercises meekness can be a rewarding experience. In discussing leader-subordinate relations with a Christian school teacher, a description of her supervisor was given. "She's (the supervisor) always thinking of us and our interests." The meekness of this very effective leader comes through in her attitude and actions toward her subordinates. Those working under her direction are very happy having a person like her in charge. A youth pastor who is in his forties working under the direction of a senior pastor who has been pastoring the same church for more than fifty years described a similar relationship. He said that the pastor was always doing things to help him to be more successful in his work. Whenever the pastor had something he thought would be valuable to this youth pastor he called him in and shared it with him. Again the relationship was a satisfying one for both men.

Resentment and bitterness must be gotten rid of and the focus of attention shifted from self to others. If the main objective of team members is pleasing God through serving the interests of others, bitterness can be conquered.