

Digging Deeper into James 1:21

What can you find by looking at how a word is used in the Bible? This Digging Deeper exercise focuses on the Greek word translated as “meekness” in James 1:21. The Greek word occurs eleven times in the New Testament and the references are listed below as translated in the ESV.

Follow these steps to discovery:

PRAY With a thankful heart, ask Jesus to open your mind through the Spirit.

READ The verses are listed below, but it’s better if you get your Bible and read them in context.

REFLECT What’s the benefit or purpose of the highlighted word. Why would it be important to Jesus, or you, or others?

RESPOND Is there any particular verse(s) below that speak to where you’re at now? Why? What do you think the Lord would want you to do in order to better receive the implanted word with meekness?

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1 Co 4:21 What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

Ga 5:23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Ga 6:1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Eph 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

2 Ti 2:25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,

[1 Pe 3:15](#) but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

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[2 Co 10:1](#) I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ- I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!-

[Col3:12](#) Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

[Jas 1:21](#) Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

[Jas 3:13](#) Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

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[Tt 3:2](#) to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.