

WHAT DOES IT  
MEAN TO BE A  
CHRISTIAN?

#4: IT MEANS I MUST  
BEAR MORE FRUIT  
OF THE SPIRIT!



# LONGSUFFERING

"Love **SUFFERS LONG**..." (1 Cor. 13:4).

## 2 PETER 3:9

"The Lord...is **LONGSUFFERING** toward us,  
not wishing that any should perish..."

## EPHESIANS 4:2

"...with all lowliness and gentleness,  
with **LONGSUFFERING**, bearing with  
**one another** in love."



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## JAMES 1:2-4

"...the testing of your faith produces **patience**..., that you may be **perfect** and **complete**, lacking nothing."



# MEEKNESS

## MATTHEW 5:5

"Blessed are the **MEEK**, for they will inherit the earth."

"**meekness**" (πραΰτης)

"**the quality of not being overly impressed by a sense of one's self-importance, gentleness, **humility**, courtesy, **considerateness**, meekness**"<sup>1</sup>

"[To be meek] means to approach others...in **a humble and caring spirit**, not using force to get one's way."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Danker, Frederick W. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd Ed. (BDAG). Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000. p. 861. Print. Latter emp. added.

<sup>2</sup> Mounce, William D. *Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006. p. 281. Print. Emp. added.



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"...regard us...as...**stewards of the mysteries of God. ...**  
it is required of stewards that they be found **FAITHFUL.**"

## MATTHEW 24:25

"Who then is that **FAITHFUL** and **wise** servant...?"

## MATTHEW 12:30

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## REVELATION 2:10

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**GALATIANS 5:24**

*"...And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.**"*