

# The Gentleness of Strength

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.  
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.”*

*Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)*

I am acquainted with a number of people who are wealthy. It is interesting to me that these people seem to live at a level well below what they could. They drive ordinary cars and live in average homes. Also all of them are believers in Jesus Christ.

Apparently these people are not using their wealth to live at a higher level than the average person. I do not know what they do with the excess of their income over their living expenses but I do have reason to believe that they give much of their income to benefit people who live in poverty.

When in the presence of these individuals I never feel awkward at my lack of financial strength compared to them. They have not lost the common touch. That means they never display their wealth, they do not talk about their money, no one would ever imagine they serve a god of

gold. The poorest of people are comfortable being with them.

There is a parallel between these people I speak of and Jesus Christ. Jesus said of Himself, “I am meek and lowly of heart”. Yet Jesus could call on legions of angels to wipe out all of His enemies. As it says in Psalm 50:10 (NIV) “...for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.”

Our Lord and Saviour is joyful over visiting the poorest people in the entire world. He delights in the weakest individual. His supreme authority and power does not cause Him to look down on anyone.

All of us, wealthy or poor may approach Jesus without fear of rejection. Whether we live in a mansion or a mud hut we may come into the courts of heaven and speak with Jesus Himself. Jesus is neither impressed by our

wealth nor put off by our poverty.

The all powerful Saviour is interested in every one of us. There is no reason to feel that Jesus will not receive us if we come in humility with repentant hearts for our sin. No one is excluded from Jesus’ company but those who exclude themselves.

If you have hesitated coming to Jesus for any reason whatsoever – put it aside. Jesus may be the all powerful Sovereign of the universe but He still invites us to come to Him for all of our needs in this life and the life to come. Come to Him and come today.

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