



the toys that the children play with while they are there.

Please join us and be a part of this blessing we bring to these children, to their families and to the tireless workers at DCS.

### Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

**1 Youth** is continuing to collect "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Whenever you're out shopping for your own personal care items such as soap, deodorant, tooth paste, feminine hygiene items or when you see the "travel size" shampoo, mouthwash, etc., pick up a few extra items and drop them in the bin.

Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about them.

### Bible verse of the month

#### John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

"very meek"?

Obviously, the word 'meek' must mean something different than weak, shy, timid, quiet, etc.

We looked at the Greek word used, praus, and found a much different definition. We found that 'meek' basically means 'power under authority' or 'strength under control'.

Meekness is humility but it does not imply that you never stand up for yourself or that you allow others to walk all over you. Meekness is self-restraint. It's having the power at your disposal but choosing not to use it.

Jesus literally had all the power to completely wipe out all of humanity in the tip of His little finger yet He chose not to. Jesus used only what power He needed to bring glory to God and to do God's will. Jesus was indeed 'meek'.

Meekness is self-control, it's having control over your emotions rather than allowing them to control you.

We talked about some examples of exhibiting 'meekness' in today's world. A few of them are:

- Not being easily offended
- Having extended periods of patience
- Defuse arguments rather than fight
- Encourage peace rather than discontent

We talked about how all of the Beatitudes include references to the Old Testament. In this case, Jesus references **Psalm 37:10-11**.

Once we learned who were "the meek" we then turned to when they would "inherit the earth". We looked at several other verses to see that we already have it. As it says in **Psalm 37**, the wicked will be no more and with patience and self-control, the meek will have peace and prosperity.

We said that meekness is a very rare characteristic in our culture as well as in the Jewish culture of Jesus' time. The world often values those who openly assert themselves showing off their strength and threatening others with it.

But, in the Kingdom of God, only those who exhibit control over their power will enter and "enjoy peace and prosperity" and they will inherit the earth.

Jesus is on a roll, we'll be looking at more of the Beatitudes next time.

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## Upcoming Events

Keep your eye out as we continue to restart other Youth activities and events.

Have a blessed day,

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