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➤ **Discussion Notes**

Take notes on the lesson to help you understand and to help you study for the test.

I. Meekness Toward Parents (based on Genesis 22)

A. How does Isaac demonstrate this idea?

He was willing to let Abraham kill him. He didn't argue or protest.

B. Review Exodus 20:12. What does it instruct? What is the reward from God for doing this?

Honor your father and mother. The reward is a long life in the land He has given you.

C. Is it hard to demonstrate meekness to your parents in an "all about me" society?

Why or why not?

Yes because it's hard to keep from arguing, or complaining about something. Everything in our world is about rebellion.

II. Meekness Toward God (Genesis 24:1-27, 50-67 – Isaac & Rebekah)

A. How does Isaac demonstrate this idea?

He loved Rebekah and was willing to marry her after just meeting her.

B. How does Rebekah demonstrate this idea?

She left her family to come and marry a man she had never met.

C. How does Rebekah's family demonstrate this idea?

They let Rebekah go and marry Isaac even though they didn't know him.

III. Meekness Toward Government Officials (Genesis 26: 1-18 (Isaac & Abimelech)

A. How does Isaac demonstrate this idea?

Abimelech told Isaac to move away and Isaac obeyed without arguing or fighting.

B. How can we demonstrate this idea? Review Romans 13:1 and Titus 3:1 for help.

Submit to authorities because God put them in power and there is no other authority above Him.

C. Can we demonstrate meekness in this area if our leaders are not God-honoring? How?

Follow the laws of God and don't follow the non God-honoring laws of officials.

IV. Meekness Toward Other People (Genesis 26:19-22 – Isaac Responds to Others)

A. How does Isaac demonstrate this idea?

He avoids conflict twice by moving and building new wells until the arguments stopped.

B. What can we do to assure peaceful living with our family, friends, classmates, and teammates?

Don't argue or try to start a fight with someone even though they may be wrong.

➤ **Reflecting on the Lesson**

What I Know Now about Isaac:

Isaac married Rebekah. He was meek toward Abimelech by moving out of the land when he was told to. He, also, was meek toward others by not starting an argument by continuing to move until the argument stopped over the wells.

What I Know Now about meekness:

Meekness is showing kindness towards others. It doesn't steal rights, but fights to maintain peace. It isn't boastful or proud. It is more concerned about others than itself.