

~LOWLINESS (82)

[English, humbleness, meekness, submissiveness, inferiority]

- So he told them, that during those three years, he had spent his time slaving for the Lord Jesus Christ with the greatest **lowliness** of mind, amid many tears and trials, that had come upon him at the hands of the Jews.
- Slaving for the Lord with the greatest **lowliness** of mind and tears and trials that befell me by the plots of the Jews. (**Acts of Apostles 20:19**)
- Paul now shows them, how they should walk as anointed Christians within the wicked world all around them. They should have complete **lowliness of mind**, always acting and thinking like others were superior to them.
- They should always be **mild** in their dealings with other people, and especially their brothers in the faith. They must exercise **long-suffering**, by being willing to suffer in behalf of the preaching work, and accept opposition to it, from opposers.
- They must always put up with the failings of **their brothers in love**, and not become offended, or grow apart from, or close off from themselves, those who share their faith in the Lord.
- With complete **lowliness** of mind and mildness, with long-suffering, putting up with one another in love. (**Ephesians 4:2**)
- Paul counsels them to do nothing out of contentiousness or out of egotism, for these qualities only push people apart. Rather they must display **lowliness** of mind, by considering, that the others are superior to them. For what a joy it is, to be among a group of people, who all act this way!
- Doing nothing out of contentiousness or out of egotism, but with **lowliness** of mind considering that the others are superior to you. (**Philippians 2:3**)
- Therefore since we are God's chosen ones, who are holy and loved by our creator, through his Holy Spirit, we need to clothe ourselves with the qualities of tender affections of compassion,

kindness, **lowliness** of mind, mildness and long-suffering. This is the personality we need to place around us like clothing, after we have stripped off the old bad habits and feelings of the wicked world ruled by of Satan the Devil.

- Accordingly, as God's chosen ones, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with the tender affections of compassion, kindness, **lowliness** of mind, mildness, and long-suffering. (**Colossians 3:12**)
- Peter now also instructs the younger men to be in subjection to the older men for this promotes orderliness within the congregation of God. All of the men though should gird themselves with **lowliness** of mind, the same kind of lowliness of mind that Jesus Christ exhibited.
- The reason for this is because Yehowah God opposes the haughty ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to those who humble themselves before him. Christians should also feel that the other person is always superior to them, for this is a glory in God's sight.
- In like manner, you younger men, be in subjection to the older men. But all of you gird yourselves with **lowliness** of mind toward one another, because God opposes the haughty ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to the humble ones. (**1 Peter 5:5**)