



Attitudes of Excellence

Lesson One: The Mind of Christ

Bringing the Best, our best, to God necessitates a thorough study of attitudes. The second quarter emphasizes "Starting on the Insides."

The apostle said in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3:

Speaking in tongues but lacking love is nothing more than a _____
 Having faith to move mountains, but lacking love amounts to _____
 Giving all, even being sacrificed, but without love accomplishes _____

There is a Right Combination that God wants:

- Faith & works (Jas 2:24-26)
- In the world but not of the world (1 Jn 2:15)
- Mercy and justice
- Truth & love



It is possible to have the _____ attitude and the _____ information
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1. Attitudes determines your _____ on life
2. Attitudes affect your _____ with others
3. Attitudes can determine the _____ of a circumstance

Prov 23:7
 Prov 4:23
 2 Cor 10:5

Philippians 2:2-5

“make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. ³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus”

KJV: mind

(a) What was the attitude of Christ?

- what do we learn from (3)? _____
- what do we see in (4)? _____
- (6-8) _____

Lk 2:49: _____

Jn 4:34: _____

Acts 10:38: _____

(b) We can develop this same attitude in ourselves (5)

- if I had the mind of Christ, what would that look like? _____

Eight Truths about Attitudes

1. The temperature on the outside does not have to be the temperature on my _____
2. My attitude is the _____ of my life
3. Some attitudes are not _____
4. I am _____ for the way I think
5. I can _____ my attitude
6. My attitude can be _____ from those around me
7. My attitude reflects what is _____ to me
8. Attitudes are _____



Three from Romans 12

- (v 2) _____ of your mind
- (v 3) not to think more _____ of himself than he ought to think
- (16) be of the _____ mind toward one another; do not be _____ in mind

Thoughts to Discuss

1. How does attitude affect spiritual life?
2. What determines our attitude?
3. Is it possible for a negative person to become a positive person?
4. Is attitude more important than obedience?
5. Norman Vincent Peale wrote in "*Power of Positive Thinking*," that a person should remove all negative thinking and avoid all negative thoughts. Is that good advice?

Paradoxical Commandments

1. People are illogical, unreasonable and self-centered. Love them anyway
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish motives. Do good anyway
3. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway
4. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.
5. The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds. Think big anyway.
6. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.
7. People really need help but may attack you if you do help them. Help anyway.
8. Give the world your best and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway.

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