



# Attitudes of Excellence

## Lesson Two: Godly Thinking in this Culture

One of the challenges facing a disciple of Jesus is to be different from the world. Love not the world, friendship with the world, and do not be conformed to the world are compelling reminders that we are to follow Jesus and not the culture of today. Sometimes it

is easier to do this in our behavior than it is with our attitudes. All around us are examples of negative attitudes. Becoming a Christian doesn't automatically change our attitudes.

A Prophet with a wrong attitude:

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A Son with a wrong attitude:

\_\_\_\_\_

### Colossians 3:12-14 The Attitude of a Disciple- Put On::

C	_____	12	_____
K	_____	12	_____
H	_____	12	_____
G	_____	12	_____
P	_____	12	_____
B	_____	13	_____
F	_____	13	_____
L	_____	14	_____

### Ephesians 4:25-32 The Attitude of a Disciple—Lay Aside:

L	_____	25	_____
A	_____	26	_____
U	_____	29	_____
B	_____	31	_____
W	_____	31	_____
A	_____	31	_____
C	_____	31	_____
M	_____	31	_____

### A. The Story of Angry Shimei (2 Sam 16:5-8, 11-14)

What lesson do we learn from David:

#### When Dealing with the World We Must Remember:

**“...and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil”**  
(Jn 3:19)

- They do not play fair, nor by the rules
- Doing wrong does not bother their conscience
- Lying and cheating are a regular part of their lives
- They think of self first, last and always
- They do not have a problem hurting you if it helps them
- Negative people tend to attract others and bring out the negative in them
- Criticizing others is easier than being a part of the solution
- Blaming innocent people for their wrong doesn't bother them
- Some are aggressively hostile towards Christians



## What Helps:

1. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet 2:21-24)
2. T \_\_\_\_\_ before you s \_\_\_\_\_ (Pv 15:28, 1; 18:13; Jas 1:19)  
*You do not have to attend every argument that you are invited to (Prov 26:4-5)*
  - Col 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know \_\_\_\_\_ you should respond to each person
3. Fill your heart with \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil 4:8)  
*Be careful what you put into your heart and mind*  
Mt 23:25 full of robbery and \_\_\_\_\_
  - *This includes the music and the movies we entertain ourselves with*
4. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself from those who are not like minded  
Pv 20:19 do not associate with a \_\_\_\_\_  
Pv 22:24-25 do not associate with an \_\_\_\_\_ person  
Pv 24:21 do not join those who do not \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord and the king  
Gal 2:4-5a But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an \_\_\_\_\_
5. W \_\_\_\_\_ that magnifies the Lord (Ps 34:3; 30:4)

How does faith help with our attitudes?

How can we “cleanse” our minds having spent a day around toxic and foul co-workers?

Why might our attitudes have more impact on someone wanting to learn about Jesus than our doctrine?

