

THE RIGHT ATTITUDE

The HABITS of Success: Part 2

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“My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. Don’t lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body. Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”
(Proverbs 4:20–23, NLT)

WHY ATTITUDE MATTERS

1. My attitude affects my OUTCOME.

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.” (Proverbs 23:7a, NKJV)

2. My attitude affects my HEALTH.

“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person’s strength.” (Proverbs 17:22, NLT)

“A relaxed attitude lengthens a man’s life...” (Proverbs 14:30, TLB)

3. My attitude is a CHOICE.

“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.” (Philippians 2:5, NLT)

3 ATTITUDES THAT DETERMINE MY ALTITUDE

1. My PASSION keeps me motivated.

“Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.”
(Ephesians 6:7, NLT)

“In all that he did...Hezekiah sought his God wholeheartedly. As a result, he was very successful.” (2 Chronicles 31:21, NLT)

2. My POSITIVE attitude keeps me elevated.

“But because my servant Caleb has a different attitude and has wholeheartedly followed me, I’ll bring him to the land he already explored. His descendants will possess it.” (Numbers 14:24, GW)

“Pride precedes a disaster, and an arrogant attitude precedes a fall.” (Proverbs 16:18, GW)

PAUL: *“What happened to your positive attitude?” (Galatians 4:15a, GW)*

Why Christians Should be the Most Positive People on the Planet

- 1) I’ve been forgiven.
- 2) God is in control.
- 3) God is on my side.
- 4) Nothing can separate me from God’s love.

How to Become a Positive Person

- 1) **REPLACE** your negative heart.
“Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.” (Ephesians 4:23, NLT)
- 2) **REMOVE** unnecessary negativity.
“Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.” (James 1:21, NIV)
- 3) **REJECT** negative thoughts.
“...we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:5, NIV)

3. Being **PROACTIVE** keeps me activated.

“When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘Come, the banquet is ready.’ But they all began making excuses...” (Luke 14:17–18, NLT)

“So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.” (Romans 14:12, NIV)

Practical Pointers for Being Proactive

- 1) Determine your true **VIEW** of you.
- 2) Determine your **VALUES**.
- 3) Reject playing the **VICTIM**.

ACTION STEP:
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