

New year. New you. Part 2

Sermon Notes.

Every new thing God does requires a new song to make it known.

New Living Translation Psalm 96

1 Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

With God the new is up to you.

What we are really talking about is how to make transition from wanting to be different to actually being different. In fact put it this way... I want to give you some “new you” essentials

Today’s thought (so we are talking about the new)

If you want a new you ... you need {to keep} a “good” attitude.

Why?

“You cannot plan the new thing God has for you, you can only prepare for it” (to prepare for what God wants to do you need the right attitude)

“There are things you can't pray into existence, but rather you have to act into reality”

Let me show you. In 2 Sam 6

A new season in David’s life.

Captured Jerusalem and conquered the Philistines

Bringing the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem

Context. (2 Sam 6:3)

The Ark of the covenant represents something amazing—it is filled with God’s presence and is supposed to be kept in the most separate, most holy of places. David knows that having the covenant chest near him as he rules is important. Therefore he begins the journey toward Jerusalem. The journey is interrupted with Uzzah’s death. David leaves the covenant chest short of its final resting place, but he eventually completes the journey by bringing it into the city of Jerusalem to its final home—**and bringing God’s blessing with it. It is also the most tangible symbol of God’s past victories on Israel’s behalf and represents God’s presence.**

2 Samuel 6:16-23 New Living Translation

16 But as the Ark of the Lord entered the City of David, **Michal**, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King **David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she was filled with contempt for him.** 17 They brought the Ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the special tent David had prepared for it. And

David sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings to the Lord. 18 When he had finished his sacrifices, David blessed the people in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. 19 Then he gave to every Israelite man and woman in the crowd a loaf of bread, a cake of dates,[a] and a cake of raisins. Then all the people returned to their homes. **20 When David returned home to bless his own family**, Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, "How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!" 21 David retorted to Michal, "I was dancing before the Lord, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the Lord, so I celebrate before the Lord. 22 Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! But those servant girls you mentioned will indeed think I am distinguished!" 23 So Michal, the daughter of Saul, remained childless throughout her entire life.

POINT ONE

We learn from David - A good attitude will lead to a fruitful life.

God is more concerned about what is happening IN you than what you want him to do for YOU.

What's happening IN You is more important than what's happening to you.

Let me show you God's word.

Proverbs 15:15 *For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast.*

The difference between success and failure is attitude.

Here's why a good attitude matters

- ... you are your attitude
- ... you will never live beyond your attitude
- ... the direction of your attitude reveals the direction of your life.
- ... what God does next in your life determined by your attitude now.

POINT 2. A POOR attitude leads to a BARREN life.

23 So Michal, the daughter of Saul, remained childless throughout her entire life.

Michal: But Her poor attitude ruined her own life ... stopped Gods plan

Ruined her future
Disrupted her dreams
Killed her marriage
Left her barren

The text does not say that the Lord made Michal barren.
Text connect her barrenness with her attitude.
Her bitterness created her barrenness

She allowed her poor circumstances to give birth to a poor attitude within her soul.

Her poor attitude robbed her of the opportunity to experience the blessing of the covenant.

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{Her problem wasn't the problem}

It's all about the presence Of God... not about David.
She was a stones throw away... from everything she needed.
She was one attitude away from a totally different future (the ARK was coming to her house)

A good attitude would have solved her biggest problem or barrenness (a shame)

“Airplane pilots often use "attitude" to describe their horizontal relationship with the runway when they land. If their attitude isn't aligned properly, the plane will make contact with the ground at the wrong angle and it will cause them to crash.”

This describes Michal and so many of us...
We are making contact at the wrong angle...
Our internal alignment is off so our external relationships suffer... crash.

What's the direction of you attitude towards...

How are you allowing your circumstances to determine your attitude?

Right now life is dealing u a hard hand... but our attitude is still up to us.
Our attitude now will determine what God does next in our lives
Our attitude towards God, each other, church, government etc...

“When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.” “Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way.” -Vicktor Frankl