



How's your attitude? Nothing contributes more to a fulfilling life and an effective Christian witness than a positive spirit toward life. We need to develop the mind of Christ and have an understanding that God is working in our life to make all things come together for good. Paul closes out his first letter to the Thessalonians by urging them to develop a positive attitude in several areas, and we need to carefully consider what he says.

I. A positive attitude toward our _____ . (vv. 12-13)

- A. It goes _____ to the spirit of this age today to respect anybody.
- B. it's difficult to respect spiritual leaders today because so many of them have violated our _____.
- C. It's difficult to respect leaders because sometimes they are the very same people who _____ and _____ you.
- D. Sometimes it's hard to respect those who have spiritual authority over you because you are a _____ in some other field yourself.
- E. You _____ the office, even if you know the person who holds the office is _____.

II. A positive attitude toward other _____. (vv. 14-15)

- A. Some Christians can be _____-_____ toward each other.
- B. "There are a lot of people who miss the _____ of life for the blowing of a _____." (Hamilton)
- C. "Warn those who are _____." (v. 14)
- D. "Encourage the _____." (v. 14)

E. "Help the _____." (v. 14)

F. "Make sure that nobody pays back _____ for _____." (v. 15)

G. "Always try to be _____ to each other and to everyone else." (v. 15)

III. A positive attitude toward _____ circumstances. (vv. 16-28)

- A. Most of us are joyful and thankful when circumstances are _____.
- B. Suffering is _____; misery is _____.
- C. A positive attitude begins by _____ God.