

THE POWER OF YOUR ATTITUDE

- A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE NEVER LEADS TO A POSITIVE LIFE.

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HOW POWERFUL IS YOUR ATTITUDE?

- YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR ENTIRE LIFE BY SIMPLY CHANGING YOUR ATTITUDE.
- YOUR ATTITUDE DETERMINES YOUR SUCCESS AND FORGES YOUR FUTURE MORE THAN ANY OTHER FACTOR.

WHAT IS AN ATTITUDE?

- Attitude: a settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically reflected in a person's behavior.
- THE WORLD YOU SEE IS COLORED BY YOUR ATTITUDE.
- MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, THE ATTITUDE WE HAVE IN HARD TIMES SHOWS WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE REALLY BELIEVE ABOUT GOD.

GOD WANTS TO TRANSFORM OUR ATTITUDES.

Romans 12:2 (NRSV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Ephesians 4:21–24 (NLT) ²¹ Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²² throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

TRUTHS ABOUT OUR ATTITUDE

1. WE CHOOSE OUR ATTITUDE.

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

2. GOD DISCIPLINES BAD ATTITUDES AND HE REWARDS GOOD ATTITUDES.

James 4:6 (NKJV) “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

3. GOOD ATTITUDES PRECEDE AND PREDICT SUCCESS, FAVOR, AND PROMOTION. BAD ATTITUDES PRECEDE AND PREDICT FAILURE, DISFAVOR, AND DEMOTION.

KEYS TO MAINTAINING A GREAT ATTITUDE

1. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ATTITUDE.

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

2. RENEW YOUR MIND WITH GOD'S WORD DAILY.

Romans 12:2 (NLT) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

3. GUARD YOUR HEART AND MIND FROM NEGATIVE INFLUENCES AND THOUGHTS.

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Philippians 4:8 (NKJV) Finally, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

4. STAY GRATEFUL.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT) Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

5. CHOOSE JOY REGARDLESS OF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.

James 1:2-4 (NLT)² Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

6. FORGIVE FREELY AND QUICKLY.

Ephesians 4:32 (NLT) Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

7. SURROUND YOURSELF WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NLT) ...bad company corrupts good character.

8. WATCH YOUR ATTITUDE AND ADJUST AS NEEDED.

1 Timothy 4:7 (NIV) ...train yourself to be godly.