

## TESTING POSITIVE; IN OUR ATTITUDES, WEEK 1

**Philippians 2:5** You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

**Romans 12:1** "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God"

1. **Your attitude is your choice.**
2. **People or circumstances do not create our attitudes.**
3. **Happiness is not a state of being, it is an attitude we choose.**
4. **God honors good attitudes and He disciplines bad attitudes.**

**James 4:6** "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble"

**James 4:10** "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He'll lift you up."

**Hebrews 12:7-10** As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? 8 If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all. 9 Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever? 10 For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. 11 No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. 12 So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees. 13 Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong.

5. **Good attitudes precede and predict success, favor, and promotion and bad attitudes precede and predict failure, disfavor.**

**Attitude Indicator**

Attitude is more important than aptitude at being successful in life

7 Attitudes that will cause us to Test Negative in our attitudes!

1. Bad Expectations
2. Bad Comparing
3. Entitlement
4. Negativity
5. Pride
6. Bitterness
7. Self-Pity

7 Attitudes that will help is Test Positive in our attitude

1. Gratitude
2. Faith in God
3. Humility
4. Graciousness
5. Respect
6. Servant hood
7. Contentment

Why a good attitude matters?

1. Because a good attitude is Christ-like and is a good witness to others of my faith in God and the difference He's made in my life. Jesus said, **"You're the light of the world."**
2. Because God knows me, He loves me and He has a good plan for my life. **Jeremiah 29:11**, "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord. Thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you a future and a hope"
3. Because God will take my mistakes and the bad things that have happened to me and turn them around for good.

**Romans 8:28** "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

4. Because God is bigger than the giants and mountains in my life and nothing is impossible for Him.

**Luke 18:27** ...The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

5. Because Jesus defeated Satan and He has given me authority over him and all of his forces against me.

**Luke 10:19** "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you"

6. Because Jesus died on the cross and has paid for all my sins and removed the curse of sin.

**Isaiah 53:3-4** He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. 4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

7. Because Jesus defeated death and hell and was resurrected to the right hand of God and He is my high priest, intercessor, and advocate in heaven.

**Romans 8:34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.