



"ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING" SELECTED SCRIPTURES

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Introduction: In today's foundational message in our new series "Choose Your Attitudes, Change Your Life!" we are going to discover five biblical principles about the relationship between our attitudes and our life ... and our eternity.

I. **The Bottom-Line Of Christianity Is A Changed Life** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

A. **Positional Change** (1 John 3:14; Romans 4:5)

1 John 3:14 "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death."

Romans 4:5 "But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness."

B. **Permanent Change** (1 Corinthians 15:50-52)

1 Corinthians 15:50-52 ⁵⁰ "Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed."

C. **Progressive Change** (Romans 8:29)

Romans 8:29 "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren."



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Definition of Attitude: Attitude is our mental and emotional response to the circumstances of life.

II. The Eleven Essential Attitude Choices For Abundant Living (John 10:10)

- I will choose purpose over aimlessness.
- I will choose perseverance over defeat.
- I will choose faith over worry.
- I will choose repentance over guilt.
- I will choose relaxation over stress.
- I will choose contentment over comparison.
- I will choose forgiveness over bitterness.
- I will choose productivity over slothfulness.
- I will choose humility over pride.
- I will choose companionship over loneliness.
- I will choose intimacy with God over isolation.

III. What The Bible Says About The Importance Of Attitude

IV. Five Biblical Insights About Attitude

A. Our Attitudes Are Chosen (Philippians 4:11)

Philippians 4:11 “Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.”

B. Our Attitudes Are Influenced by Input (Philippians 4:8)

Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.”

Psalms 1:1-2 ¹ “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.”



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C. Our Attitudes Affect Our Relationships (James 4:1)

James 4:1 "What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?"

Philippians 2:4-7 ⁴ "Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men."

D. Our Attitudes Are Both the Cause and the Result of Right Behavior (Proverbs 23:7a; Genesis 4:6-7)

Proverbs 23:7a "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." (NKJV)

Genesis 4:6-7 ⁶ "Then the LORD said to Cain, 'Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.'"

E. Our Attitude Determines Our Destiny (1 John 1:9)

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Conclusion