

Attitudes

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I. Introduction.

- A. An attitude is a frame of mind.
- B. The Israelites stayed in the desert for forty years because ten men lost the battle of the heart.
- C. Circumstances reveal us.
- D. God's desire is to make us more Christ like, and the Spirit is doing this day by day. (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

II. Characteristics God desires from our life.

- A. Jesus made himself of no reputation. (Philippians 2:5)
- B. Jesus became a servant. Think in terms of others. (Mark 10, Luke 10)
- C. Jesus humbled himself. (1 Peter 5, Acts 28:1)
- D. Jesus did what pleased the Father. (John 8:29)
- E. Jesus was sensitive to the voice of God. We can hide ourselves in busyness from the voice of God. (1 Samuel 3:10, Genesis 3:8, Isaiah 66:1-2)
- F. We are to be whole-hearted. We are often half-hearted in Scripture memory, Bible study or witnessing. (2 Chronicles 31:21; Psalm 119:9, 11; 1 Chronicles 16:9; Colossians 3:23)

III. Negative characteristics.

- A. Pride. We are self-conscious, resulting in pride. (Proverbs 13:10)
- B. Pride results in bitterness and wrath. (Hebrews 12:14-15, Mark 10:13, Luke 9:49-50)
- C. Covetousness. The Lordship of Jesus Christ determines our attitudes. (Luke 12:15, Philippians 3, Matthew 10:39, Luke 14:33, Ephesians 4:29, Mark 10:21, 2 Timothy 2:3-4)
- D. Entitlements.

IV. Three essential attitudes that determine fruitfulness.

- A. Love for Christ.
- B. A willingness to pay any price. (Philippians 3, Luke 16:3, Isaiah 6)
- C. Teach-ability. (Mark 4:19; 7:13)

Application questions:

1. Which characteristic of Christ has God been trying to develop in you most lately?

2. How would your closest friends evaluate your attitude? How can you take practical steps to grow in this area?

3. How does attitude ultimately reflect the Lord's position in your life? Explain.
