

Are You Creating A Masterpiece? Part #3

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Your attitude colors EVERY aspect of your life... it's like your mind's paintbrush. Are you creating a Masterpiece or a Catastrophe?

Attitude is:

- An inward feeling expressed by outward behavior.
- A settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something.



Philippians 2:5 (NLT)

“You **must** have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”

Jesus is the benchmark for how we should think. He is the standard we judge every word we speak and every action we take. He's the plumbline by which we conduct our lives.

Week #1 We Choose our attitude.

We have to choose properly continuously.

Week #2 Refuse to have a critical attitude.

Don't associate with mockers.

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”

“Our attitude tells us what we expect from life. It will also determine the health of our relationships with people.” ~ John Maxwell

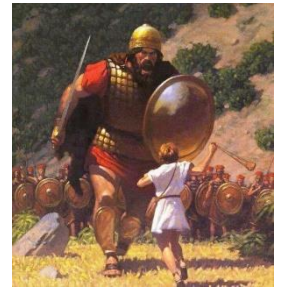
Our Attitude can turn our problems into blessings.

- John Bunyon wrote *Pilgrim's Progress* in the Bedford Jail.
- Sir Walter Raleigh wrote *The History Of The World* during his thirteen-year imprisonment.
- Martin Luther translated the Bible while confined in the Castle of Wartburg.

Our Attitude can give us an uncommonly positive perspective.

1 Samuel 17:41-51

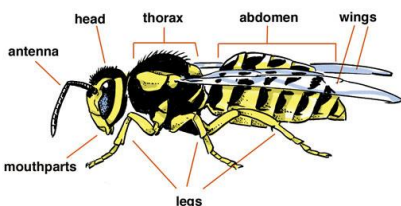
- Soldiers looked at Goliath and thought, “He’s so big, we can never kill him!”
- David looked at Goliath and thought, “He’s so big, I can’t miss!”
- Why did David need 5 stones? **2 Samuel 21:15-22**



With God we can live life as a “no-limit” person.

In other words, we don't have to accept the normal limitations of life as most people do.

According to a theory of aerodynamics, the bumblebee should be unable to fly. Because of the size, weight, and shape of its body in relationship to the total wing span, flying is scientifically impossible. The bumblebee, being ignorant of scientific theory, goes ahead and flies anyway and makes honey every day.



7 Qualities of a Different Attitude

Numbers 14:24 (NLT) “My servant Caleb has a *different attitude* than the others have.”

Numbers 32:11-12 “Caleb and Joshua, for they have wholeheartedly followed the LORD.”

1. A Conquering Spirit.

Numbers 13:30 “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.”

1 Timothy 6:12 “Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to eternal life...”

2. A Positive Outlook.

Caleb and Joshua saw the possibilities ahead of them instead of focusing on the negative.

Numbers 14:6-7 “But Joshua and Caleb spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: “The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land.”

3. Take God At His Word.

"I will give you Canaan." Joshua and Caleb believed God.

Numbers 14:8 “He will bring us into this land and give it to us.”

*“God said it, I believe it,
and that settles it!”*

~Kenneth Copeland

4. Refuse To Be Afraid.

Numbers 14:9 “but the LORD is with us! Don’t be afraid of them!”

Psalms 55:22 (NLT) “Give your burdens to the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.”

5. Do Not Side With The Majority.

Numbers 14:1-2 “The whole community began weeping aloud, and they cried all night.”

6. Have A Different Set Of Eyes.

- Two saw the size of their God and ten saw the size of men.
- Two saw the solution, but ten saw the problem.
- Two saw the appointment; ten saw a disappointment.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

7. Do Your Best To Encourage Other People.

Numbers 14:6-9

The attitude of Joshua and Caleb wasn’t negative in any way. They didn’t criticize or mock the people of Israel. Instead they spoke with confidence and tried to encourage others not to fear but to believe they could make it with God’s help. (For 45 years as they wandered through the wilderness)

Joshua 14:10-11(NLT)