

# Where is Your Head? (Attitudes)



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# Attitudes

A Bad Attitude  
Is Like A Flat Tire.  
You Can't Go Anywhere  
Till You Change It.



# Outline

- What are attitudes?
- General Attitude – The Mind of Christ
  - Humility
  - Suffering Servant (Persecuted)
- Four Specific Attitudes We Should Have
  - Loving Attitude
  - Humble Attitude
  - Thankful Attitude
  - Positive Attitude
- Primary Attitude - The Essence of the Law
- Good and Evil Attitudes
- Conclusions

# What are Attitudes or Mind-set?

- A way of thinking that affects your behavior
- Attitudes guide our decision making
- The way you think or feel about something
- Attitudes can be either good (Christ-like) or bad (of the devil)
- Attitudes can be heavenly or earthly
- Examples
  - Positive or Negative (Optimistic or Pessimistic)
  - Loving or Hating
  - Thankful or Resentful
  - Giving or Selfish
  - Competitive or Unified
  - Open to Change or Closed to Change
  - Trusting or Fearful

# General Attitude

## Is our mind like Christ's?

- Philippians 2:5-8 <sup>5</sup>Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup>but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

# Is Our Mind Like Christ's? (Copy His Mind-set)

- Our mind should be like the Lord Jesus'
  - Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus (Take on His thinking pattern)
  - Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.
    - Be like the Lord Jesus in all areas of life (even your thinking or attitudes)
    - Humble yourself and become like a little child in your thinking.
  - 1Corinthians 11:1 Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ.
    - In practical areas of life, where you may question what the mind of the Lord would be, consider looking around at Godly men and women and follow their example.

# Is Our Mind Like Christ's? (Humble)

- Philippians 2:8 ...He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.
- Admit your dependence on the Lord
  - We rely on Him for every breath we take
  - Our salvation (freedom from the punishment for our sins) is because we could not do anything about it ourselves.
  - We have no rights. He has given us everything.
- Are you too proud to give up your own pattern of thinking?
- Are you willing to give up your own selfish desires and habits of thinking and replace them with Christ's?
- Philippians 2:3 *Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself
  - Matthew 7:12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
  - But, Philippians 2:3 exhorts us to exalt others as even more important than ourselves (not just equal)
- Mark 7:28-29 And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs." Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

# Is Our Mind Like Christ's?

(Returning good for evil - Suffering under the ones who should be suffering instead)

- Are we willing to suffer (be persecuted) when we not only do not deserve the suffering but the people causing us the suffering deserve it instead.?
  - The Creator suffers at the hands of His creatures
  - Isaiah 29:16 Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay; For shall the thing made say of him who made it, "He did not make me"? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?
  - Luke 6:27 "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

# Attitude of Love

- Love attitude
  - Our example - Christ
    - 1John 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.
  - Love of the brethren
    - 1John 3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.
  - Love even our enemies
    - Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.
  - If you do not have an attitude of love...
    - 1Corinthians 16:22 If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!
- Love will result in actions
  - John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
  - John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.
  - John 21:15-17 – If Peter loved the Lord, then he should respond by feeding His sheep (or lambs)

# Attitude of Humility

- Colossians 2:18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in *false* humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,
- Philippians 2:3 *Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.
- Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.
- James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."
- James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.
- I Peter 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,
- II Timothy 2:25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

# Thankful Attitude

- Luke 17:11-19 <sup>11</sup>Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. <sup>13</sup>And they lifted up *their* voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>So when He saw *them*, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, <sup>16</sup>and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine? <sup>18</sup>Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."
- II Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!
- Psalms 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.
- Romans 1:21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.
- Colossians 3:17 *And whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

# Positive Attitude

- If we are to give thanks, then ...
  - Life is good!
  - See the light at the end of the tunnel! (Heaven, Being with God)
  - Seeing the glass as half full instead of half empty (or better yet, completely full)
  - God is in control
  - God will win in the end
  - Romans 8:28 - And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.
- Opposite attitude (negativity) results in depression
  - Lack of faith
  - Complaining is a sin
    - Joshua and Caleb give good reports with a positive attitude (We can conquer the land with God's help), 10 spies gave a bad report (Numbers 13)
    - Korah's rebellion (Numbers 16)

# Primary Attitude (Essence) of the Law

- Mark 12:30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' This *is* the first commandment.
  - Heart = Emotional nature, desires, feelings
  - Soul = Volitional (decision making) nature
  - Mind = Intellectual nature
  - Strength = Physical nature
- Exodus 20:3 is the first commandment which says "You shall have no other gods before Me" (polytheism)
- This phrase is repeated in Luke 10:27 and Matthew 22:37 in the New Testament and Deuteronomy 6:5, 10:12, and 30:6 in the Old Testament emphasizing that this is the essence of the law

# Good and Evil Attitudes

- Evil starts in the heart and/or mind
  - Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"
  - Matthew 5:21-22 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.
  - Matthew 5:27-28 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
- Good comes from God's heart
  - Matthew 19:17 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."
  - Salvation (believing) is a matter of the heart and mind.

# Other Miscellaneous Attitudes

- Do you have a mature attitude?
  - Philippians 3:15 Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.
- Are you like-minded with other fellow believers?
  - Philippians 3:16 Nevertheless, to *the degree* that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.
  - Philippians 4:2 I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
- Are you troubled or do you have a fearful attitude?
  - II Thessalonians 2:2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.
  - II Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
- Is your mind and thinking defiled?
  - Titus 1:15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

# Conclusions

- Are You saved from the punishment of your sins? Are you going to Heaven?
  - Then life is good! (Have a positive attitude.)
  - Give thanks to God (thankful attitude)
- Set your mind on heavenly things
  - Colossians 3:2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
  - Philippians 3:19 whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.
- Have the Mind of Christ
  - Humble, Loving
  - Returning good for evil
- Have Good Attitudes (All good comes from God.)
- Essence of the Law (Love God with ALL of your heart - No idols)
- Pray that God will give you the mind of Christ
- Your actions will follow your correct attitudes