



Three simple words that ask:

- How **intentional** are you with your life?

It pays to take life seriously; things work out when you trust in God. Proverbs 16:20 (MSG)

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Ephesians 5:15-17

- Evil days provide God given **opportunities**.

- God always has a **plan** for your life.

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A miserable heart means a miserable life; a cheerful heart fills the day with song. Proverbs 15:15 (MSG)

Attitude Defined:

- *An attitude is how we think or feel about something.*
- *An attitude is formed by what we believe to be true about something.*

A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise person holds it in check. Proverbs 29:11 (CSB)

- You can't keep an attitude a **secret**.

The importance of your attitude:

- Your attitude can determine if you **keep going** or **quit**.
- Your attitude reflects your **faith** in God.
- Your attitude is the **lens** that you view your life and circumstances through.

...throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, ... Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. Ephesians 4:22-24

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus... Philippians 2:5

Not one of these people will ever enter that land. They have all seen my glorious presence and the miraculous signs I performed both in Egypt and in the wilderness, but again and again they have tested me by refusing to listen to my voice. They will never even see the land I swore to give their ancestors. None of those who have treated me with contempt will ever see it. But my servant Caleb has a different attitude than the others have. He has remained loyal to me, so I will bring him into the land he explored. His descendants will possess their full share of that land. Numbers 14:22-24

- You can have a positive attitude in a negative **environment**.

Negative attitudes have negative **consequences**.

The Lord said to Moses, "Send men to explore the land of Canaan, the land I am giving to Israel. Send one leader from each of the twelve ancestral tribes." So Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He sent out twelve men, all tribal leaders of Israel, from their camp in the wilderness of Paran. Numbers 13:1-3

This was their report to Moses: "We arrived in the land you sent us to see, and it is indeed a magnificent country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is some of its fruit as proof. Numbers 13:27

But the people living there are powerful, and their cities and towns are fortified and very large. We also saw the descendants of Anak who are living there! Numbers 13:28

Two of the men who had explored the land, Joshua and Caleb, ...said to the community of Israel, "The land we explored is a wonderful land! And if the Lord is pleased with us, he will bring us safely into that land and give it to us. It is a rich land flowing with milk and honey, and he will give it to us! Do not rebel against the Lord, and don't be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the Lord is with us! Don't be afraid of them!" Numbers 14:6-9

The attitude that gets God's attention:

- Is not based on circumstances, but on God's **promises**.
- Is not based on my abilities, but God's **power**.
- Is not based on my outlook, but God's **perspective**.
- Is not based on my plans, but God's **purpose**.

We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him. They are the ones God has chosen for his purpose. Romans 8:28

Allowing God to develop a right attitude:

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- The **outcome** is up to God.
- God is **bigger** than **anything** we face.
- God is always **with us**.



**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- In your own words, Why should we take our attitudes seriously?
- How is your attitude? Do you think you take it seriously?
- How do our attitudes reflect of faith in God? What does it mean that our attitude is the lens that we view our life and circumstances through?
- Do you really believe that we can have a positive attitude in a negative environment?
- When you read the story of Joshua and Caleb how were they able to have a good attitude when everyone else was negative? What stands out to you about their attitude?
- Why does an attitude based on God's promises get God's attention?
- Why does an attitude based on God's perspective get God's attention?
- How does surrendering the outcome to God affect our attitude?
- When we realize that God is bigger than anything we face, how does that change our attitude?
- How does our attitude change when we accept and believe that God is with us?

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