



Sermon #4 – Attitude in Action: A Lesson from Jesus

Matthew 7:7-12

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Discuss Sermon

“Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude.” – Zig Ziglar

John Maxwell shared the reality of this principle as it played out in his own life during his high school years in basketball. He was a great athlete and he played on a talented team but the team had a rotten attitude when it came to playing together and making the right sacrifices for the team. He observes,

What started as a bad attitude in one or two players made a mess of the situation for everyone. By the time we were in the thick of our schedule, even the players who didn't want to take part in the rivalry were affected. The season was a disaster. In the end, we finished with a mediocre record and never came close to reaching our potential. It just goes to show you, rotten attitudes ruin a team.

- How does your attitude affect your day and the day of others around you?
- What does Jesus Christ tell us about the impact of attitude in Matthew 7:7-12?

Exchange Views

Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens.
– Daniel Webster

As we read through the pages of Scripture we observe the Lord teach us about the importance of living life with the right attitude. We understand that life is not always going to be easy and we may not always have the answers in times of tragedy or natural disaster but we do know that the Lord equips us and sustains throughout every situation in life.

Arming yourself with the right attitude in life makes the difference between a life filled with joy and one filled with sorrow. Reflect on the Word of God today and begin asking yourself this question:

- How does my attitude effect my walk with the Lord and the walk of others?

Examine Text – Matthew 7:7-12

Read the main text from the sermon and reflect on the key words, phrases, and lessons that God is teaching us.

- What are the key lessons that you learn from this text?
- What promises are given from Jesus Christ in this text? Does this still apply today?

Personalize Truth

- Read “Three Steps to a Better Attitude” and respond.
- Discuss two ways how you can arm yourself with a better attitude this week.

Three Steps to a Better Attitude

Try these three basic steps that will help you follow in the footsteps of Christ and become imitators of His attitude.

Step #1 – Surround Yourself With the Right People

1 Thessalonians 5:11 – ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing...

Step #2 – Implement the Forgiveness Factor

Colossians 3:12-13 – ¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Step #3 – Turn Your Attitude Over to the Lord

Proverbs 16:1-3 (NLT) – ¹We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer. ²People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their motives. ³Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.

How to Use This Study Guide: This guide can be used by individuals, families, & small groups to gain a deeper understanding of God’s Word. Each section is organized in these areas: **D.E.E.P.** = Discuss Sermon, Exchange Views, Examine Text, and Personalize Truth.