

Let's Visit

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ATTITUDES

Often our attitude reveals more than we would like for it to reveal about us. Some folks just naturally have a sour, stinking attitude. They remind me of the story I heard about the cantankerous grandpa who was taking a nap. His grandson put some limburger cheese on his mustache. There it was, right under his nose. He later awoke with a snort and said, "this room stinks". He walked around and said, "this whole house stinks". Once outside he said, "the whole world stinks". Yet, all the time the problem was right under his nose.

The attitude of the individual is important. If there was ever a man who had the right to a bad attitude it was Job. Think of all that he suffered, think of the loss and the paid. His wife said, "*curse God and die*" (Job 2:9).

Yet, attitudes can be changed, they can be adjusted. I remember reading a story of a man who received a parrot as a gift from his friend. The parrot was fully grown and had a bad attitude and even worse vocabulary. What wasn't profanity was just plain rude. The man tried saying polite words and playing soothing music. Nothing worked, so finally he put the bird in the freezer. After he had been in there some time, the man was afraid he had hurt the bird, so he opened the freezer door. The parrot calmly stepped onto the man's extended arm. Perfectly calm, the parrot said, "I am very sorry that I offended you with my language and my actions and I ask your forgiveness. I will endeavor to correct my behavior, and I am sure it will never happen again." The man was astounded at the change in the bird's attitude and was about to ask what had changed him when the parrot said, "May I ask what the chicken did?"

In your mind, go back to Saul, the man chosen to be the first king over God's people. Saul's attitude toward God and the kingship changed. He began as a humble young man hiding in the baggage. He became arrogant in worship, he tried to kill David and finally sought information from a sorcerer.

Then there was Paul. When he and Barnabas were about to embark on the second missionary journey, they had a disagreement over taking John Mark. Paul did not want to take him because he had deserted them on the first trip. The disagreement became so sharp that Paul and Barnabas parted ways. Yet, when we read the second letter that Paul wrote to Timothy, we find that he wants John Mark to come to him for he is profitable for the ministry. At one point, he did not want to take him and then later he sends for him.

Throughout the Bible we find examples of those with both good attitudes and bad attitudes. The Pharisee of Luke 18 felt he was a Godly man and all others were sinners. His attitude was that God should feel complimented that such an important man as he would bother to worship Him.

In III John we read about an elder by the name of Diotrephes. He didn't care what others might think, he was the elder, he was the one who was "large and in charge". He wanted to be a big name in the

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
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Gathered Here and There



Today's Sermon

Myth Busters!

The final installment of our sermon series:

The Misunderstood Church

FOR THE PANTRY....

Instant Potatoes

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brotherhood. He made the boast that no matter what, he stood his ground and circulated hard words against those who dared to disagree with him.

There was the prodigal son who left home because of his father's restraint and then later realized what a fool he had been. There was his elder brother who wallowed in self-pity and became angry when his brother returned home.

Yet in contrast to these we have Joseph who was sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. He said "you meant it for evil but God meant it for good." You have Peter who, when he was rebuked by Paul for his sin was grateful that Paul helped him see the error of his ways and Peter would say he loved him the more for it. You have Paul who once persecuted Christians who would later say that for him to live is Christ and to die is gain.

What is our reaction to the problems of life? our attitude determines how we react to life and its challenges. When we make Jesus Christ the Lord and Master of our lives, we will have the confidence of Paul who said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13) If Jesus is not the Lord and Master of your life, resolve to make the changes necessary in your life to make him Lord and Master.

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Don't Judge Too Hard!

Pray don't find fault with the man who limps
Or stumbles along the road,
Unless you have worn the shoe he wears
Or struggled beneath the load.
There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt,
Though hidden away from view
Or the burden he bears placed on your back;
Might cause you to stumble too.

Don't sneer at the man who's down today,
Unless you have felt the blow
That causes his, or felt the shame
That only the fallen know.
You may be strong, but still the blows
That were his, if dealt to you
In the self-same way at the self-same time
Might cause you to stumble too.

Don't be too harsh with the man who sins,
Or pelt him with words of stone.
Unless you are sure, yet, doubly sure
That you have no sins of your own.
For you know, perhaps, if the tempter's voice
Should whisper as soft to you
As it did to him when he went astray,
T'would cause you to falter, too.

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On The Lighter Side.....



"I felt like you were preaching right at me this morning ... especially after you pointed and said my name the third time."

Miscellaneous



Those To Remember In Prayer

We extend our sympathy to **Louise Johnson** in the passing of her mother-in-law Maxine Jernigan.

George McNatt (**Dale Fincher's** neighbor) had a stroke.3 Jo Windham (**Betty Miller's** sister-in-law) had a cat scan on Friday to determine if her chemotherapy was making progress.

David Williams (**Melvin Williams** son) is in Good Shepherd hospital but is out of ICU.

Tim Bartlett (**Betty Miller's** friend) is having surgery to donate a kidney to someone.

Our Church family to remember in prayer

LaJuan Baugh, Dale Fincher, Martha Jean Golden, Rodney Golden, Sonya Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted Holt, Dora Livingston, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Permenter, Mike Permenter, Janice Willaims, Melvin Williams, Betty Willis, Alda Yarbrough.

Our "extended family" to remember in prayer:

Joe Barr (Melvin Williams' son) **Leyton Bell** (Ryan Perkins' grandfather) **Edward Lee Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's Brother) **Leslie Bradshaw** (friend of Tim & Norma Perkins) **Pauline Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's sister-in-law), **Bethany Bridges** (Debra Pate's friend), **Jennifer Britt** (friend of Thelma Hinton) **Kaden Butler** (Debra Pate's great grandson) **Marcus Cruz Cranford** (Sue Hagler's-great-great grandson) **Ronnie Emanis** (Sue Hagler's nephew) **Mary Fleming** (Mike O'Brien's aunt) **Hugh Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother) **Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's sister-in-law) **Mike Fults**, **Jonica Glaze** (student from Tenaha injured in serious car accident) **Virginia Goodrum** (Debra Pate's sister-in-law) **Buddy Hancock** (Martha Jean Golden's brother) **Allison Harbison**, **George Holder**, **Larry Landry** (Glenna Noles Brother) **Vickie Lee** (friend of Sue Hagler) **Juston Lout** (Patricia Lout's son) **Shirley Lout** (Mike Lout's mother) **Glynn McCleod** (brother-in-law to LaJuan Baugh, Sherry Burgay and Trish Lout) **Mitchell McLeod** (LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Trish Lout's nephew), **Elsie Lee McDaniel** (Alice Hall's sister-in law) **Roger Scott** (LaJuan Baugh's son-in-law) **Robert Shull** (friend of Sue Hagler) **Winston Smith** (Thelma Hinton's brother) **Margie Weaver** (friend of Debra Pate) **David Williams** (Melvin Williams son)

Those being treated for cancer:

Guadalupe Beltran (friend of Sue Hagler), **Harold Dawkins** (friend of Thelma Hinton) **David Greer** (son of Gene Greer, former minister here) **Carla Holt** (Ted and Joyce Holt's daughter-in-law) **Dora Livingston**, **Connie Mettauer**, **Tom Morrison**, **Teresa Richard** (Friend of Norma Perkins) **Bobbie Smiley**, **Ronnie Stanfield** (friend of Tim & Norma Perkins) **Tina Vaughn** (Sue Hagler's daughter) **Jo Windham** (Betty Miller's sister-in-law)

Also remember **Leland Bradshaw**, **Amanda Bradshaw** and **Andrew Bradshaw** (Gene and Martha's son and granddaughter and grandson) in Iraq.

COVERED DISH LUNCHEON



TODAY!

December 8, 2019

Please plan to
stay for lunch
and a time of
fellowship!

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING – This afternoon following our luncheon in the church offices. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY – Next Sunday night (December 15th) following our 5:00 p.m. class, at the home of Tim and Norma Perkins. Men please bring a man's gift and ladies bring a ladies gift in the \$10.00 to \$20.00 price range. Also please bring finger foods.

Don't Have Time....

"Don't have time" and "too busy" have become the most worn-out phrases in our American vocabulary. "Busy"? Well, what is there in that to be especially proud of? What value would you be to yourself, your fellowman, your family, or your country unless you were busy? What value can you be to your God unless you are busy? Read Ephesians 4:28. But what are you busy about? You are seldom too busy to take in a movie; seldom too busy to attend a ball game; seldom too busy to do anything you really want to do. In fact, "You can do anything you want to do, if you want to do it badly enough, unless you want to do something else more."

Someday we will take time to die. Then, I fear, we will not be too busy to stand before God in judgment.

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Across The Preacher's Desk

Well, except for the Bowl Games, the College Football Season is about over, and as much as I like football, I am almost persuaded to quit attending sporting events. I came across the following that was written by another minister (I am not nearly creative enough to come up with this!) and he makes some compelling arguments much like the arguments folks make for quitting the church. Here are the reasons he has decided to quit attending sporting events.

1. The coach never came to visit me.
2. Every time I went, they asked for money.
3. The people sitting in my row didn't seem very friendly.
4. The seats were not very comfortable.
5. The referees made several decisions I did not agree with.
6. I was sitting with hypocrites – they only came to see what others were wearing and visit with each other.
7. Some games went into overtime and I was late getting home.
8. The band played some songs I had never heard before.
9. The games are scheduled on my only day to sleep in and run errands.
10. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
11. Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches anyway.
12. I don't want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

it's something to think about. . . .thp

**Great Churches are built with
Commitment!**