



TALK IT OVER

The Difference Maker

BOTTOM LINE

You will never build great relationships by indulging in bad attitudes.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is the most difficult day you have had in the last two weeks? If appropriate, tell what made it so hard. What was the best day? What made it so good?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?
What do you think?
What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- Denzel Washington's [life advice and attitude](#). Worth a listen!

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5 NIV

Look after each other... Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you, for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives. Hebrews 12:15 TLB

Once our lives were full of resentment and envy. But then... Christ saved us—not because we were good enough to be saved but because of His kindness and love—by washing away our sins and giving us the new joy of the indwelling Holy Spirit... all because of what Jesus our Savior did so that He could declare us good in God's sight. Titus 3:3-7 TLB

"Whenever you're in conflict with someone, there is one factor that can make the difference between damaging your relationship and deepening it. That factor is attitude." – William James

An attitude is an inward feeling expressed in outward action.

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How do selfishness, pride, insecurity, expectations, and resentment destroy relationships? How do selflessness, humility, love, gratitude, and forgiveness build them? Where are you struggling most? Where and how are you growing? Expectations such as "no abuse" are reasonable and valid. How do you handle that? How do you make sure reasonable expectations are appropriately handled? How does salvation start the work on my attitude? What part is God's responsibility and what part is mine?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will take responsibility for my attitude and its impact on others, praying and working daily to grow in the attitudes that characterize Jesus Christ.

My Action Step: _____