



# Brand New Attitude Is Everything

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**Bottom Line:** Attitude is everything.

**Icebreaker:** If you had your own talk show, who would your first three guests be?

**Key Verse:** *You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.* Philippians 2:5 NLT

One of the most striking and obvious results of knowing Christ is the new attitude that flows from our new heart. Paul immediately points out that the wrong attitudes cause division: self-ambition, self-importance, and self-centeredness. The answer he suggests is humility; not putting yourself down but lifting others up. Instead of looking to our own interests, we look out for the interests of others.

Paul urges us to have the same attitude Christ had. When we do, we let go of our natural status and refuse to demand what we think we deserve. We release our social status. We change from being concerned about who is serving us to whom we can serve. We also let go of our legal status. We don't insist on our rights. We know who we are, and we want Christ to be the focus and be exalted in our lives.

With a new attitude comes new responsibilities. It changes my attitude about how I live. Paul says we work out our new attitude and responsibilities in three areas:

- Our lives: As we surrender to God, He empowers us to fulfill His purpose with our lives. It is our responsibility to hear God's call, discover our gifts, and use them.
- Society: As we live in society, our new attitudes impact our lifestyles. We are different from the world around us in positive ways. The way we use our lips is different too. We hold on to the Word of life and speak life to others.
- The church: In our new community, we value the new friendships God has given us. We take genuine interest in each other and in looking after the needs of others. We learn a new focus away from ourselves and toward the people God has given us. As believers together, we share a common focus; our aim is to become like and please Christ. We are trustworthy and inspire confidence.

Our new hearts lead to new attitudes that transform everything about how we live. It's a positively fulfilling life!

## THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from the message?

"Self." Words that begin with self are most often negative or hurtful, like self-ambition, self-importance, and self-centeredness. How would you explain the difference between these ugly self-words and the healthy thoughts of self-care, self-esteem, etc.?

Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. Humility is not putting yourself down, it is building others up. It is not devaluing me, but valuing others. It is not denying your strengths, it is admitting your weaknesses. Reflect and discuss. Is humility a family value in your heritage? How do you see it or not?

God makes more promises about humility than any other quality except generosity. What are some of the things He promises?

Looking to the interests of others. What does this mean?

## LOOK IT OVER <<<

Paul says we are to work out our salvation, not work FOR our salvation. What does that mean?

God's part is to work IN, my part is to work OUT. Reflect on that. What is God wanting you to work out right now? How does His working in you help?

You can have a saved soul but a wasted life. That's a sad and frightening thought. How can we avoid that?

How is our generation crooked and perverse? How does a person with a right attitude shine in that environment?

Paul tells us that a signature of a new attitude is doing what we do without grumbling and arguing. How does the absence of grumbling and arguing impact onlookers?

How are your friendships different since Christ?

## NEXT STEPS

1. Pray every day for God's clarity on the right mindset.
2. Make the changes in your habitual thoughts as He directs.
3. Attend DISCOVER Track.

## EVALUTION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

**Bottom Line:** Attitude is everything.

Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

## PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

## DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at [newpointe.org/daily](http://newpointe.org/daily):

Monday: Ephesians 4:23

Tuesday: Romans 15:5

Wednesday: Romans 12:10

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Friday: Psalm 19:14

***Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.***  
*(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)*