

Attitudes of a Transformed Life

Part 2

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Intro: A transformed mind thinks differently because it is a “new creation” in Christ Jesus (II Corinthians 5:17). When God gives us a new heart, “old things have passed away” and part of those “old things” are certain attitudes. Last week we looked at attitudes of encouragement, grace, and gratefulness. This week are three more attitudes which should define the follower of Christ.

1. Attitude of Pliability



Symptoms of a lack of pliability:

- Cynical
- No longer teachable – *read Matthew 21:14-17*

Here is the attitude we must have every time we open the word... every time we hear a message/lesson... *“God has something to say to me!”*

Phil. 2:12-14 *“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. 14 Do all things without complaining and disputing.”*

- Work “out” not “for”

2. Attitude of Humility – Philippians 2:5-8

Biblical humility is:

- Having a correct view of one’s self – Romans 12:3
- Putting the needs of others first – Phil. 2:4
- A pre-requisite for being a Christian – Matthew 5:3

3. Attitude of Expectancy – Hebrews 11:1; Matthew 9:29

Questions:

1. Is your walk with Christ characterised by “pliability?” Have you ever gotten into a rut where you no longer seem teachable or even become cynical? What can you do about it today?
2. Why is humility so important to God? Why is it sometimes the thing that He must work on us with the most?
3. Do you have an attitude of expectancy with God? What are you expecting of Him in your life? Your marriage, family, work relationships, etc.? What are you expecting of Him in your church?

Prayer: “Dear Father, help me to display more of these attitudes through the enabling of Your Holy Spirit in my life I pray. Help me to always be pliable and have a teachable spirit. May I never become stale, cold, hardened or cynical. I pray I will be humble before You always. Help me to keep a realistic view of my importance and to think more of others and their needs around me. And, Lord, help me to expect great things from You because You are a great God! Increase my faith I ask. Thank you in Jesus name, amen!”