

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS



The Building Block of Attitude

Week of June 20th, 2021

Intro Discussion Question(s):

- *Optional Question - [What did God reveal to you this past week in the Bible Reading Plan ?*
- *Intro Question - What did you think about the little baseball player's attitude with his hitting and pitching? Do you agree that attitude is critically important to our relationship with God and with others and why?*

Read Bible Study Summary:

Attitude comes from two sources: the futility of the world in darkness, or the truth of God in Christ! Healthy relationships depend on the type of attitude your building block is made of. This study will help you understand the vital importance of having a Christ-like attitude as a building block for all of your relationships as opposed to the attitudes of the world. The differences between a worldly attitude and the attitude of Christ and why it matters is explored in detail.

Main Scripture

- Ephesians 4:17-24

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1. The Worldly Attitude - Ephesians 4:17-19

- According to Biblical scholar Ralph P. Martin, one of the major reasons Paul wrote this letter, “was to show the nature of the church and the Christian life to those who came to Christ from a pagan heritage and environment...”
- Paul described worldly attitudes and things as futile, darkened, separated from the life of God, ignorant, hardhearted, insensitive, sensual, impure, greedy and deceitful.
 - **Ask Question(s)** - *Why are those attitudes terrible building blocks for relationships?*

- **Read Scripture-** Proverbs 14:12 *There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.*

2. The Christ-like Attitude - Ephesians 4:20-24

- **Good attitudes don't just happen, they are learned!**
- Once a person heard about Christ and decided to follow they were taught in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus! Being taught that truth is a game changer when it comes to attitude!
 - **Ask Question(s)** - Why is the following statement true? *If you don't know what Jesus taught, and you don't know how He lived, then you lose the advantage of having a Christ-like attitude in life!*
 - **Read Scripture-** Philippians 2:1-8
- **Good attitudes are the result of intentional decisions that are exercised and practiced!**
- You have to make the decision and then exercise and practice the attitudes you learn from following Jesus! You can know the right thing, but if you don't do the right thing, knowing the right thing only makes you that much more guilty! Knowing the attitudes we should have and not exercising them is not only wrong, it's tragic!
 - **Ask Question(s)** - *What are some of the things we must do in order to exercise and practice a Christ-like attitude according to Ephesians 4:22-24?*
 - *Discuss the following statement and how it relates to why we should put off our old self and be made new in the attitude of our minds: "Sin will take you further than you wanted to go, keep you longer than you wanted to stay and make you pay more than you ever thought you would have to pay!"*
- **Good attitudes flow to us and through us when we realize we were created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness!**
- Jesus was true righteousness and holiness in everything He said and did! We desperately need to be more like Jesus.
 - **Ask Question(s)** - *Why do we need to be more like Jesus with an attitude based in true righteousness and holiness?*
 - **Read Scripture-** James 1:13 *When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;*
James 1:14 *but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.*
James 1:15 *Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

Closing

- Upcoming Events: Creation Camp is from 9am to 12pm on July 19-22. This mini camp is for 2 year olds up to children who have just completed 1st grade. Children will learn about the days of creation as they explore and discuss animals, plants, light, and the sky. Drop-off begins at 8:45am. The cost is \$10 per child, \$30 family max, to help cover supplies. Children will participate in crafts, recreation, classroom activities, and Bible study. We will provide a snack and light lunch each day.
- ShoreKids Club June 28th-30th. 4:00-11:00am 3yrs - 6th grade! See website for details.
- Habitat for Humanity is still going on. Sign up on the website.

- Baptism service July 11th! Sign up on the web or by calling the office.
- Men's breakfast - June 26th, 8:00am-10:00am.
 - **Ask Question** - *What is the greatest challenge you are facing? Is there some way our group can help?*
- Pray together over those requests.