

Gethsemane Baptist Church

Advance Bible Classes

7:00 PM

Teacher: Pastor Pratt

April 20th, 2020

Lesson: **Having The Right Attitude As A Christian – Part 2** "ATTITUDES NEEDED IN CONGREGATIONAL WORK"

Introduction: As Christians work together in a local congregation, the right attitudes are necessary for many reasons. It doesn't matter how much anointing one has or how much talent we have, they can never make up for having wrong attitudes in the church. But with the right attitudes, all of our efforts in service to the Lord are enhanced and will live up to their full potential in the body of Christ. Which means that we will be able to accomplish the purposes, plans and will that God. In this lesson we want to look at three important areas in our life concerning our attitudes and they are listed as: (1) Our Attitude toward God (2) Our Attitude toward ourselves as individuals (3) Our Attitude toward our brethren

In these three areas, we must be sure to maintain the proper attitudes, in order to perfect the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1. WHAT KIND OF ATTITUDES DO WE HAVE TOWARDS GOD?

A. What kind of LOVE... do we have towards God?

1. We must have the right kind of love toward God our maker and Father.
2. Jesus defined that kind of love in **Matt 22:37** -- Do we love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind?

Deac. Toshiba

B. What kind of FAITH and TRUST do we have towards God?

1. We must understand that Faith is a strong conviction and trust in things we cannot see. **Heb. 11: 1**
Sis. Davie
2. Without Faith, it is impossible to please God. **Heb. 11:6** **Sis. L. Campbell**
3. Now ask yourself, Do I have the kind of Faith that pleases God? **If not.. Rom. 10:17** **Sis. Vance**

C. Are we THANKFUL towards God, if so do we show Him?

1. Every Christian should have a attitude of gratitude and thankfulness towards God.
Col. 3:17; Deac. Vance **Eph. 5:20** **Sis. I. Campbell**
2. God's righteous indignation is toward those who have become unthankful - **Rom 1:18-21** **Sis. Pratt**
3. An attitude of thankfulness for the blessings God has blessed us with will help ease the bitterness that often destroys the spirit in any congregation. In other words if each one of us learn to praise, honor and thank God for the things that He has done in our life already, we will forget about our troubles and trials that we may be going through at the time. Just tell God thank you... **Ps. 50:15** **Sis. Daniels**
4. Remember this if you forget everything else in life! Whenever we have the right attitudes and relationship with God that is well pleasing to Him, our attitudes and relationships with others will be smooth and better as we work for the cause of the Kingdom in which we are apart until Jesus returns. For it was Christ's pray that we become ONE, in spirit, mind, purpose in order to fulfill His work on earth.

2. HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE TOWARDS OUR SELVES.

A. We must have an Attitude of HUMILITY.

1. A humble attitude is one that does not have the BIG HEAD. **Rom. 12:3,16** **Deac. Daniels**
2. A humble attitude is one that shows a willingness to serve others. **John 13:6-17** **Sis. Williams**
3. "Show me a man who cannot and will not bother to do little things and I will show you a man that cannot be trusting in doing big things. **Matt. 5:21** **Mother Ware**

B. We must an Attitude of being Teachable.

1. To be teachable is to be wise. **Prov. 15:31-32** **Sis. Sim**
2. Teachable includes:

- a. Eagerness to learn and grow
 - b. The ability to learn from being corrected by others, to profit from advice and criticism
3. The old as well as the young needs a teachable attitude.

C. We must be HONEST towards MISTAKES.

1. One must be willing to admit their mistakes and wrong doings. **James 5:16** **Sis. Becky**
2. Then be willing to correct them. **1 John 1:7-9** **Sis. Baker**
3. Don't fool yourself we all make mistakes and at times even error from the truth. But if we cover our sins and act as though we have not don't any wrong, then we are in trouble with God.
4. **Prov. 28:13** **Sis. Sherry**

3. Have the right Attitude Toward's Our Brethren.

A. We should have LOVE for them.

1. Jesus taught us the necessity of loving our brethren **John 13:34-35** **Min. McConnells**
2. We have been Born Again to love one another with all one's might **1 Pet. 1:22-23** **Sis. Brunson**
3. Now ask yourself do I show others that I love them? Do I really care? What have I don't to express the Love of God towards my Brothers and sisters in Christ? You got your answer!

B. We must have a attitude of COOPERATION with others.

1. This is a spirit of willingness to work with others, even if I am not in change. **1 Cor. 12:14-21**
Min. Baker
2. We must understand that we need each other to reason and labor together **Isa. 1:18** **Sis. Lowery**
3. Ask yourself, can I work with others or do I have to be the boss?

C. We must show others that we APPRECIATION the work that they are doing for the Kingdom. Etc.

1. We need to appreciate what others are doing. **1 Cor. 1:14;** **Bro. Clifton** **1 Thess. 5:12-13**
2. True appreciation for others will eliminate destructive criticism and gossip. **Deac. Clark**
3. We must understand that we are not the only ones that can do a good job in the church if giving the opportunity to work. We should want to see others working for the Lord even if it in our position.

D. Do we show others that we have a SUBMISSIVE attitude?

1. We are to submit to one another. **Eph. 5:21** **Sis. D. Thompson**
2. We are to submit to those in authority and in higher positions in the church. **Heb. 13:17** **Sis. Wilson**
3. The problem that we have in the church is to many Chiefs and not enough Indians. No other organization in the world have this problem but the church.

**E. We should have a PEACEABLE attitude towards others. Rom. 14:19; Sis. Lowry
Eph. 4:1-3 Deac. Toshiba**

**F. We should show WARMTH, FRIENDLINESS, and OPENESS with one another.
Acts 2:44-47, Min. Pratt Acts 11:27-30 Sis. Davie**

G. We should have a attitude of FORGIVENESS, FORBEARANCE, PATIENCE, LONGSUFFERING towards others.

1. They help smooth out the bumps and obstacles that Satan will put in our way in his effort to destroy the local church **Eph. 4:2, 32** **Sis. Daniels**

Closing Notes: If we all start practicing having these attitudes an spirits in our everyday walk of life, our church and world would be a much better place to worship and live in until Jesus comes. We could really get the job for Christ.

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May 11th, 2020

Lesson: Lord, Teach Us How To Pray! Part Three

Intro: This is the continued lesson on “**Lord, Teach Us How To Pray.**” Prayer is the main way that the people of God Communicate with our Heavenly Father. And the Word of God is the Main Way that our Heavenly Father Communicate his will to us his people.

The more we **Pray to the Lord**, and **Study and Practice obeying the Word of God**, the **Closer** we get to **Him**, and the **Better our Relationship is with him.** Let’s look at the rest of our lesson.

v. 11 Fourth Petition: Give us this day our daily bread.- Your will notes that in this outline of a prayer, Jesus never mentioned his personal needs before he **acknowledged Who God is! And about God’s Kingdom and Will be Done FIRST.** Remember God is not going to take second place in our life! He must be number **ONE!** His Kingdom, Will and His Word comes First. Then we should pray for our Daily Needs to be met. When we pray for our daily needs, we should not worry about what tomorrows troubles will bring. ***Matt.6:33-34*** God desires to meet and supply all our needs according to His riches in Glory. ***Phil 4:19; 1 John 5:14-15***

v. 12 Fifth Petition: And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. – In a religious sense debt = sin Here we see that we at times will need Forgiveness of the Father if, and when we sin. Forgiveness is only giving when we are Genuine and Sincere with God in heart, and we are **willing to turn and stop doing the wrong we have done.** It is having a change of heart and mind towards doing what is God’s will and right, this is true repentance. ***Isa. 55:7.*** We should ask God for forgiveness and mean it from the heart, not just with our mouth.

Isaiah 29:13, Matt. 15:8

There will also be times that others may sin against us and do us wrong. Just as we needed forgiveness from God, we must be willing to forgive those that do us wrong. If we cannot forgive others, then God will not forgive you. That means if you are holding **grudges** or **something** in your heart against anyone and will not forgive them and let it go! **Guest what Brother, Sister, your sins are still on you and against you.** And you are in trouble with God! Preacher, Deacon, Choir Member, Usher etc., Please don’t die with grudges or sin in your life! ***Matt. 6:14-15.***

C. v. 13 Sixth, Seventh Petition: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
– Here we see that we should pray for help in our times of trails and temptations, so that

we will not sin against God and require forgiveness. We should be praying that God keep us from temptations. Remember God does not tempt us to do wrong, that comes from the Devil.

D.

E. **Gen 3:1-7; James 1:13-14; Matt. 4:1-11.** We should ask God to keep us during those trailing times. WE need to ask His for perseverance. **James 1:2-3; 2 Pet. 2:9.**

F.

v. 13c Eighty Petition: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the Glory, for ever, Amen. – This is a Doxology, which is a word of praise that is given to God. These words should speak out a loud to be heard as a declaration and praise for all these are in abundance towards God, and is a fitting way to conclude our prayer. Notice David’ prayer of praise in **1 Chronicles 29:11-13**

23 Elements in the Teaching of Jesus on How To Pray.

1. **Relationship: Our Father**
2. **Recognition: which art in heaven**
3. **Adoration: Hallowed be thy name**
4. **Anticipation: Thy Kingdom come**
5. **Consecration: Thy will be done**
6. **Universality: in earth**
7. **Conformity: as it is in heaven**
8. **Supplication: Give us**
9. **Definiteness: this day**
10. **Necessity our daily bread**
11. **Penitence: And forgive us**
12. **Obligation: our debts**
13. **Forgiveness: as we forgive**
14. **Love and Mercy: our debtors**
15. **Guidance: And lead us**
16. **Protection: not into temptation**
17. **Salvation: but deliver us**
18. **Righteousness: from evil**
19. **Faith: For thine is the kingdom**
20. **Humility: and the power**
21. **Reverence: and the glory**
22. **Timelessness: for ever**
23. **Affirmation: Amen**

G. *Hope this lesson as been a blessing to you on “How to Pray”.* Pastor Pratt