Principles of Attitude

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INTRODUCTION

- Romans chapter 12 is the chapter on the good attitude that a person ought to have.
- Our attitudes are something that we formulate. They're a choice.
- Attitude is where you are in relation to where you ought to be. Romans the twelfth chapter tells us where we are in relation to where we ought to be.

1 Our Attitude Toward God

Romans 12:1–2

- Our attitude toward God, ladies and gentlemen, is one of presenting ourselves to God as a living sacrifice.
- He will not come in and take you over. He will influence you. He will give you reasons to come to him, but he will not take you over.
- Every day you make a self-presentation of all that you are to him.
- You cannot be comfortable in this world and serve God.
- This life of living a living sacrifice to God is the only life that connects to eternity.
- Don't let the world choose your being for you. Don't let the world choose your attitudes.

2 Our Attitude Toward Ourselves

Romans 12:3

- Not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think. But to think soberly according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
- Humility is the basis for the right attitude. Humility is the basis for learning.
- God can't deal with proud persons.
- It is not wrong to love yourself. It is wrong to inordinately love yourself.
- We need to see ourselves as we really are. And that is as somebody that God can use.

3 Our Attitude Toward Others

Romans 12:4–6

- Every man still has a gift. You have a gift. You owe that gift to God.
- We being many are one body in Christ.
- Every piece of a jigsaw puzzle protrudes in order that it might be received. And it is indented in order that it might receive. And that means everybody is important.
- I need the church more than the church needs me. And the fact is we just need to do what we can do.

4 Our Attitude Toward Those Who Oppose Us

Romans 12:17–21

- Recompense to no man evil for evil. If somebody does you evil, then don't retaliate in kind.
- We need to give one another some credit.
- As much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Don't go looking for trouble.
- I'm not qualified. So what I have to do is wait on the Lord.
- The best way in the world to take care of an enemy is to try to make of him a friend.
- We don't go after somebody to fix them, to hurt them, even if it's doing good to do it.

THE CHALLENGE

If you're not a child of the king, if you've just been languishing out here, living life with reckless abandon, don't you think it's time to leave the old sinful life and come to Jesus?

MY NOTES