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**ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD'S PERSONAL
DEALINGS
ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD'S PLAN**

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I. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD'S PERSONAL DEALINGS.

A. In Relationship to God's Personal Dealings, the **BELIEVER is a VESSEL OF DISHONOR**. While the **CHRISTIAN is a VESSEL OF HONOR**.

2 Timothy 2:20-21, But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to *honour* and some to *dishonour*. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the masters use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

B. The **ATTITUDE of Believers** which distinguish them from Christians **is a desire/attitude directed toward "I want to be my own person; to do my Thing and have God bless it."**

C. The proper attitude in Relationship to God's Personal Dealing is, "**I am sanctified (set apart for God and His use/purposes)**. Therefore, I need to purge myself of self; of bad/evil desires and attitudes which are hendering me from being used by God.

Philippians 1:6, Being confident of this very thing, that *he* which hath begun a good work in you *will perform it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and *ye are not your own*? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which *are God's*.

John 3:30, He must increase, but *I must decrease*.

Matthew 16:24-26, Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let *him deny himself*, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Romans 12:1, I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service*.

2 Timothy 2:21, If a man therefore *purge himself* from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Job 22:30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the *pureness of thine hands*.

D. The PURGING/CLEANSING/PREPARATION AGENT

Psalms 119:9, Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking *heed* thereto according to thy *word*.

John 15:3, Now ye are *clean through the word* which I have spoken unto you.

John 17:17, *Sanctify* them *through* thy truth: thy *word* is truth.

Ephesians 5:25-26, Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the *washing of water by the word*,

Exodus 30:20, When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall *wash* with water, *that they die not*; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:

Matthew 7:24-27, Therefore whosoever *heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them*, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

2 Timothy 2:15, Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:15-17, And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Hebrews 5:12-14, For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk *is unskilful in the word of righteousness*: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

2 Timothy 2:24-26, And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, In meekness *instructing* those that *oppose themselves*; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

E. The PLACE of purging/cleansing/preparation UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK.

Psalm 92:13, Those that be *planted in the house of the LORD* shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

Psalm 91:1, He that *dwelleth in the secret place of the most High* shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Matthew 16:18-19, And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock *I will build my church*; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Acts 2:47, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the *Lord added to the church* daily such as should be saved.

Acts 20:28, Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the *church of God*, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Ephesians 1:22, And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things to the church*,

Hebrews 13:17, Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for *they watch for your souls*, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

II. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD'S PLAN.

A. In Relationship to God's Plan the **BELIEVER is an UNFAITHFUL/EVIL STEWARD**, while the **CHRISTIAN is a FAITHFUL/WISE STEWARD**.

Luke 12:42-45, And the Lord said, Who then is that *faithful and wise steward*, whom *his* lord shall make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of meat in due season? Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

Matthew 24:45-49, Who then is a *faithful and wise servant*, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that *evil servant* shall say

in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

B. The **ATTITUDE of Believers** which distinguish them from Christians **is a desire/attitude to put off the work/business of the Master and indulge themselves** (*when the cats away the mice will play*).

Matthew 24:48-49, But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, *My lord delayeth his coming*; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

C. The proper attitude in Relationship to God's Plan is JESUS COULD RETURN AT ANY MOMENT, **I MUST, THEREFORE, BE ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS.**"

D. This attitude toward God's Plan has its beginning in a **proper view and attitude of OWNERSHIP, and the Believer's PLACE in relationship to the things he has.**

1. GOD OWNS EVERYTHING.

Haggai 2:8, The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

1 Chronicles 29:11, Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

Hebrews 1:2, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed *heir of all things*, by whom also he made the worlds;

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and *ye are not your own*? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

2. THE BELIEVER'S PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN

Genesis 2:15, And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden *to dress it and to keep it*.

1 Peter 4:10, As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good *stewards* of the *manifold grace* of God.

Mark 13:34, *For the Son of man is* as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to *his servants*, and to every man *his work*, and commanded the porter to watch.

Ephesians 5:16, Redeeming the *time*, because the days are evil.

John 9:4, I must *work* the works of him that sent me, *while it is day*: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Matthew 25:15, And unto one *he gave five talents (money)*, to another two and to another one; to every man according to *his several ability*; and straightway took his journey.

Luke 6:38, Give (*yourselves, time, money, abilities - all belong to God*) and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

2 Corinthians 9:7, Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not *grudgingly*, or of necessity: for God loveth a *cheerful giver*.

Colossians 3:17, And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Colossians 3:23-24 And whatsoever ye do, *do it heartily*, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for *yeserve the Lord Christ*.

E. An **UNDERSTANDING of THE IMMINENT RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST** will further develop this attitude in the Believer.

Mark 13:32-35, But of *that day and that hour knoweth no man*, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. *For the Son of man is* as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. *Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh*, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

Matthew 24:36, But of *that day and hour knoweth no man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Matthew 24:42, Watch therefore: for *ye know not what hour your Lord doth come*.

Matthew 24:44, Therefore be ye also ready: for *in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh*

Matthew 24:50, The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he *looketh not for him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

Luke 12:40, Be ye therefore ready also: for *the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not*.

Luke 21:36, *Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

1 Corinthians 1:7 So that ye come behind in no gift; *waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Titus 2:13, *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

Philippians 3:20, *For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:*

F. REWARDS FOR BEING FOUND A FAITHFUL/WISE STEWARD.

Matthew 24:46-47, *Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.*

Luke 12:43-44, *Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.*

Philippians 3:12, *Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.*

Revelation 3:10, *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

Luke 21:36, *Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

G. REWARDS FOR BEING FOUND AN EVIL/UNFAITHFUL STEWARD.

Matthew 24:50-51 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, *And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Matthew 25:26-30 His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Luke 12:46, The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and *will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.*

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