

Our Vision Statement

Our church will fulfill the Great Commission by sharing the love of God in Christ with every person through evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship.

Our Core Values

- The Advancement of the Kingdom of God (Luke 4:18, 43)**
 - We will submit ourselves continually to God's agenda, which seeks to advance the rule and reign of Christ in our personal lives and the world in which we live.
 - We intend to rely upon the Holy Spirit to fulfill the Kingdom Agenda.
- Servants, not Stars: A Willingness to Serve (I Corinthians 4:1-2; Romans 12:4-8)**
 - We will seek to be faithful in our service and support of the ministry.
 - We recognize that God wants to cultivate a ministry through each of us.
 - We will not limit our involvement in service, but become more than just a spectator in the ministry.
- Radical Hospitality (Hebrews 13:2; I Peter 4:9; Romans 12:10-11)**
 - We will do our best to introduce people to Jesus Christ and warmly receive all who enter our doors.
 - We will seek innovative and creative ways to be kind, respectful, and considerate of all individuals.
- The Innate Worth of Every Individual: Everybody is Somebody! (John 10:14-16)**
 - We will strive to affirm the value of individual contributions and the presence of every individual.
 - We will seek to treat every individual with respect, fairness, and love.
- The Absolute Authority of Scripture (Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 4:2)**
 - We will utilize the Word of God (the Holy Bible) as our foundational textbook for every class and guide for all Christian endeavors.
 - We will seek to strive for excellence in our spiritual walk and applying the Word of God to our daily lives.

Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study

"ATTITUDE: LIVING POSITIVELY IN A NEGATIVE WORLD"



based upon "Attitude is Your Paintbrush: It Colors Every Situation" by James W. Moore

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.
Philippians 2:14-15 (NIV)

Friendship Baptist Church

6:30 P.M.

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Introduction

I'm convinced that the key to our emotional, physical and spiritual well-being is the kind of attitude we cultivate in our life. In the twenty-seven years of my preaching ministry, I have experienced the full spectrum of personalities and attitudes inside and outside of the Christian church. People with good attitudes tend to be happier people, productive people and praise-oriented people. A good attitude is no guarantee that we will not experience hardship. In fact, the point of this unit of study is that attitude impacts how we respond to our environment. To be more specific, there are three basic Christian attitudes that are crucial for the living of these days, attitudes that color every happening, every circumstance, every situation.

List a few **toxic attitudes** that you know can have a devastating impact on yourself and others.

List a few **triumphant attitudes** that you know can make a positive difference in you and others.

Where do our attitudes come from? And How can we cultivate better attitudes?

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. —**Romans 12:1-2**

Verse 1 -let _____ God and _____ God be the attitude of your life.

Verse 2 -Don't let the world around you _____ you into its mold.

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The Attitude of Gratitude



✝ 1 Thessalonians 5:18

✝ Luke 17:11-19

What are you grateful for? Develop a list.

Why not stop and say a prayer of thanks right now for these and the many other gifts that God has given you. The attitude of gratitude is so important to have, for it colors every situation!



The Attitude of Compassion

The word compassion literally means “with heart.” It means to reach out to others with your heart. In a word, it means kindness.

✝ Mark 5:24-34

In this biblical story, we not only see the compassionate spirit of Jesus, but we also discover some of the key characteristics of compassion—very special qualities that we, as followers of Christ, need to let God cultivate in our own lives. Here are three:

1. Compassion is self-giving
2. Compassion is gracious
3. Compassion is active

The Attitude of Confidence



- ✝ Jeremiah 17:7
- ✝ Philippians 1:6
- ✝ Psalm 20:7

I don't know what your problems are, but I do know this: You can bring them to God and put your confidence in him, and he will help you. I don't know what your worries are, but I do know this: You can bring them to God and place your confidence in him, and he will help you. I don't know what your sins are, but I do know this: You can bring them to God and trust him, and he will help you. You see, we can have confidence in the Bible, we can have confidence in the church, and most of all, we can have confidence in God.