## 10 Days Of Prayer 2019 – Day# 7, "Attitude"

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# Creation is full of fresh starts. Every New Year is like an opportunity to reset ... to start over ... to transition ... New Beginnings!!!

"You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance." Psalm 65:11 "His compassions fail not. They are new every morning;" Lam 3:22-23

To transition well you must have the proper attitude. "Columbia, your attitude is perfect." NASA to the space shuttle entering the atmosphere. Transitioning to another atmosphere demands the right attitude.

**Charles Swindoll** says, "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude to me is more important: than facts, than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do, than appearances, than giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one thing we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... We are in charge of our attitudes."

#### Philippians 2:5-7

"You must have the same <u>attitude</u> that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble <u>position of a slave</u>."

What or who do you sacrificially serve right now?

#### Paul lived his live on purpose!

*"I press on to lay hold of (grasp) and make my own, <u>that</u>…" Philippians 3:12 <i>"So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to <u>the vision from heaven</u>." Acts 26:19* 

## **5 Obstacles To The Right Attitude**

#### 1. Arrogance

*"Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect..."* vs12 Stay green ...there is more to learn ... there is more growth.

## 2. Arrival

*"I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own [yet]..."* vs 13 I have arrived ... Good enough ... wrong comparisons ... We should only desire to be like Him!

#### 3. Affections

"...but one thing I do [it is my one aspiration]: forgetting what lies behind..." Not things ... thing! Things get in the way. He is my one holy passion. He orders my world aright. I follow Him!

#### 4. Accomplishments

"...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,..." We had great revivals ... I was an honours student ... I did this I did that ... so what!!! What is happening now? What is God doing now? What does He want to accomplish through you NOW?!!!

## 5. Apathy

*"I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize..."* vs14 Paul understood his responsibility to actively and aggressively pursue the prize. Don't get bogged down. Pursue and recover all!!!

"Let this mind be in you..." Php 2:5 KJV

DEFINITION <u>Attitude</u>:-- tendency or orientation, especially of the mind. Mindset.

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Col 3:2 "Fix your thoughts on what is true,..." Php 4:8 {NLT} "Those who live according to the sinful nature have their <u>minds set</u> on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their <u>minds set</u> on what the Spirit desires." Romans 8:5

#### 3 F's of a healthy Attitude.

*"Wherefore gird up the loins ...( Osphus:*—the place where the Hebrews thought the generative power (semen) resided. Your mind is your procreative tool. Your world is shaped in your thinking. Think right) ... of your mind,...." **1 Peter 1:13** 

Fix Your Mind — Focus — Think on good thing ... things above

Filter Your Mind — Analyze — Keep the junk out

#### Feed Your Mind — Nourish — Meditate on the WORD!!!

The saddest places on earth are graveyards. Graveyards are filled with books that were never written, songs that were never sung, words that were never spoken, things that were never done.

God does the extraordinary with ordinary people. Those who allow their weakness to be turned to strength.

#### **Prayer Directives:**

God Use Me This Year! God use me today!

Put Me In Places And Situations That Will Unlock My Compassion And Creativity.

Put Me In Challenging Relationships With Those Who I Can Give My Strength To.

Put The Wisdom In Me That Will Cause Me To Be A Solution Wherever I Go.

Bless our plans as a fellowship. we want to be aggressive with our faith. People need Jesus. Jesus wants to express His love foremothers through us.

London will be saved. South western Ontario will be flooded with Impact communities.

Bless all our families. Bless all the children youth and young adults as they head back to school. They are blessed and advantaged. Saturated with the Holy Spirit.