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THE WINNING ATTITUDE

The most significant decision that you can make every day is your choice of attitude. When your attitude is right there is no challenge to great for you.

Choose your attitude early in the day before things have a chance to go wrong...

1. Our attitude determines our approach to life.

Galatians 6:7

"... A man reaps what he sows."

Our attitude tells us what we expect from life.

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One of my favorite stories is about a grandpa and grandma who visited the grandchildren. Each afternoon Grandpa would lie down for a nap. One day, as a practical joke, the kids decided to put Limburger cheese in his moustache. Quite soon he awoke sniffing. "Why, this room stinks," he exclaimed as he got up and went out into the kitchen. He wasn't there long until he decided that the kitchen smelled too, so he walked outdoors for a breath of fresh air. Much to his surprise, the open air brought no relief, and he proclaimed, "The whole world stinks!"

How true that is to life! When we carry "Limburger cheese" in our attitudes, the whole world smells bad.

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Proverbs 23:7

As a man thinketh so he is.

Philippians 2:5

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 26:3

I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.

2 Timothy 1:7

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind.

Your attitude is an inward feeling expressed by behavior. Your attitude is never content until it is expressed... It is a choice, and is never based on circumstance.

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2. Our attitude determines our relationships.

Matthew 7: 12

Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them.

Your attitude determines the quality of your relationships with others and with God.

When the attitude we possess places others first and we see people as important, then our perspective will reflect their viewpoint, not ours. Until we walk in the other person's shoes and see life through another's eyes, we will be like the man who angrily jumped out of his car after a collision with another car. "Why don't you people watch where you're driving?" he shouted wildly. "You're the fourth car I've hit today!"

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Attitudes are contagious! Hope is strangled by discouragement, but joy is poison to discouragement.

Your attitude towards other people will determine other's attitudes towards you...Like the Lord said, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you..." Do not let your bad attitude affect your success, your relationships, or your eternal destiny.

3. Our attitude determines if we fail or succeed.

History's greatest achievements have been made by men who excelled only slightly over the masses of others in their field.

This could be called **The principle of the slight edge.**

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Hardly a day passes without the word "attitude" entering a conversation. It may be used as a complaint or a compliment. It could mean the difference between a promotion and a demotion. Some-times we sense it, other times we see it. Yet it is difficult to explain.

ATTITUDE CHECK:

- 1.** What song best describes your attitude?
 - a.** Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head.
 - b.** Ball of Confusion.
 - c.** Make The World Go Away.
 - d.** Oh Happy Day.

- 2.** For one week, treat each person you meet as important to you.

- 3.** Think of something you desire. What attitude must you display to achieve it? There's very little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference in people.

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You have 2 choices when it comes to **ATTITUDE**: Have a good attitude, or a bad attitude.

Rejoice by choice, and remember King David's words, "This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad." Celebrate the blessings God has given to you, the burdens that He has given you to carry, and the hardships He has allowed you to overcome.

Celebrate today and stop worrying about tomorrow!

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Winners realize that all of us miss the mark occasionally.

Winners love to win and hate to lose, but know how to do both graciously.

Winners know that the difference between winning and losing is determined by attitude, not the scoreboard.

Winners focus on the present and the future rather than dwelling on the past victories or losses.

Winners don't criticize, even if they feel justified in doing so.

Winners congratulate the opponent in loss or in victory.

Winners realize life consists of much more than outscoring someone else.

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Winners aren't whiners.

Winners never give up, and they encourage others to do the same.

Winners always do their best, even when the score shows them to be behind.

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