

## Branches Part 5: Attitude

- I. Tonight we're going through part 6 of our 7 part leadership series.
  - a. So far we've learned that...
    - i. Leadership is influence
    - ii. The goal of a good leader is Christ-likeness
    - iii. The first pillar of leadership is meekness
    - iv. The second pillar of leadership is integrity
    - v. The third pillar of leadership is vision
      1. That vision focuses on the prize instead of the obstacles
      2. That a good leader gives the vision to those following him.
  - b. Tonight I want to talk about the fourth pillar of leadership, attitude.
    - i. "Those you influence through leadership will be energized or discouraged by your attitude."
    - ii. Your attitude decides the \_\_\_\_\_ in which you will lead.
    - iii. "Our leadership is in direct proportion to the attitudes we pursue and possess."
    - iv. Chuck Swindoll wrote, "I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it."
    - v. Attitude is massively important!

### II. What is attitude?

- a. Webster's dictionary describes attitude as our "\_\_\_\_\_ " or "position".
  - i. Which is why we can have a good attitude or a bad attitude.
- b. On an airplane, it's "attitude" is it's "\_\_\_\_\_ "
  - i. Our attitude determines our altitude.
- c. You determine your attitude, and then your attitude determines you.
  - i. It can make or break you.
  - ii. It determines your actions.

### III. What kind of attitude should we have?

- a. Philippians 4: 8, 9 says, "**And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.**"
- b. What we choose to dwell on, in our minds, will determine our attitude.
  - i. Young man asking for prayer because of his violent attitude.
    1. He was always watching violent movies!
- c. When your circumstances are discouraging, try to view them through a Philippians 4:8 filter.

IV. How do we develop a good attitude?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Spend time in God's word.
  - i. Joshua 1:8 says, "Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do."
- c. Spend time with people who have a good attitude.
  - i. Your friends' attitudes will \_\_\_\_\_!
  - ii. 1 Corinthians 15:33 says, "Bad company corrupts good character."

V. Those who follow you will know you by your \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Think about someone who has had a great impact on your life.
  - i. What are the qualities of that person that you admire most?
  - ii. Seldom do looks or possessions leave a lasting impression on us.
    - 1. Its things like a person's courage, their loyalty, faithfulness, and kindness that we remember.
- b. When we look at the life of Jesus (the most influential man who ever walked the face of the earth) we don't know much about His hobbies, His job, or what kind of clothes He wore; but we do know quite a lot about His attitude.
- c. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:1 tells us that we should have the same attitude as Jesus.
- d. Our attitude has the potential to \_\_\_\_\_!