



Pursuing  
Holiness (2)  
(Godly attitudes)

Closer to God 2022 (24)

# Previously

- We are continuing to examine our pursuit of holiness.
- Last week we addressed:
  - Being devoted
  - Being a faithful servant
  - Being separate
  - Living lives of purity
- Today, we want to address godly attitudes that produce holiness



# Pursuing a godly attitude

- Attitude - a good, bad or neutral orientation toward something - a person, group, subject or action. It is the way one responds to what is going on.
- Attitudes can define you. Typically, we have good (positive, pleasant) or bad (sullen, negative) attitudes. Most are contagious and affect your overall disposition.

# Pursuing a godly attitude

- A bad attitude - consider Israel in the wilderness and in Canaan.
  - Good attitude - Paul, Cornelius, the Bereans, etc.
- NOTICE how attitudes can impact others



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- NKJV does not use the word “attitude”
- NASB, 9 times. Consider some:  
**Genesis 31:2-3** - Laban toward Jacob  
(countenance - NKJV)  
**Jeremiah 12:3** - “my heart’s attitude” (“tested my heart” - NKJV)  
**Luke 1:17** - the attitude of the righteous (“wisdom of the just - NKJV)

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  - Philippians 2:5** - “Have this attitude” (“Let this mind...” - NKJV)
  - Philippians 3:15** - “have this attitude...different attitude” (“have this mind...think otherwise” - NKJV)
  - Colossians 4:2** - “an attitude of thanksgiving” (with thanksgiving - NKJV)



# Pursuing a godly attitude

- The Bible and attitude:
- **Philippians 4:8** - “... meditate on these things”
- **Romans 12:2** - “be transformed by the renewing of your mind”
- **Ephesians 4:23**

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- The Bible and attitude:
- **Philippians 2:14-15** - “do all things without complaining or disputing”
- **1 Peter 4:1** - “arm yourselves with the same mind”
- **Galatians 5:22-23** - the fruit of the Spirit
- **Colossians 3:23** - “whatever you do... do it heartily...”



# Attitudes that manifest holiness

## Determination

- We must be focused on heaven -  
**Colossians 3:1-2,**  
**cf. Acts 21:13,** Paul was willing to die for the Lord.

# Attitudes that manifest holiness

## Reverence

- Reverence toward God is where an attitude of holiness will begin.  
**Hebrews 12:28**  
**1 Peter 1:15-16**
  - IF our attitude is what it ought to be, we will not want to do anything or say anything that disrespects God or His ways.



# Attitudes that manifest holiness

## Love

- Christian love is caring that leads to sacrifice

It is the pinnacle of demeanor and affects every relationship we are in.

**Matthew 22:37** - we love God and therefore pursue holiness.

- We will obey Him - **1 John 5:2-3**,

**1 John 4:19** - we love Him because.

THIS reflects attitude

# Attitudes that manifest holiness

## Love

- A holy love will also be reflected toward others

**John 13:34-35** - all will know

**Ephesians 4:2** - brethren

**Matthew 22:39, Romans 13:9** - your neighbor as yourself

**Matthew 5:43-44** - even our enemies

- **I have to care!** Am I concerned what others think?



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## Well-pleasing

- I will strive to be “well pleasing” to Him in all that I do  
**2 Corinthians 5:9** - we make it our aim...  
**cf. Matthew 25:21,23** - “Well done, good and faithful servant...”

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## Contentment

- If I am holy, I will be satisfied with what I have

**1 Timothy 6:6-8** - godliness with contentment...

**Philippians 4:11-13** - Paul had learned

- How often does the pursuit of worldly things hinder holiness? **Cf.**

**Luke 8:14**

- I must CHOOSE to be content!



# Attitudes that manifest holiness

## Gratitude

- We are continually reminded to be thankful
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:18** - in everything
  - Colossians 2:6-7** - walk in Him...  
abounding in it with thanksgiving
  - Consider Israel's failures
  - **2 Timothy 3:2** - latter days men  
will be selfish
  - 2 Corinthians 9:15** - thanks for His  
indescribable gift

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## Humility and meekness

- If I am holy, I will know my place  
**1 Peter 5:5-6, James 4:10** - God resists the proud
  - **Matthew 5:3-5** - poor in spirit, meek
  - **Philippians 2:3-5** - Jesus the perfect example of thinking of others in humility



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## Humility and meekness

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- **Romans 12:3** - we will not think too highly of ourselves  
**cf. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10** - Paul's thorn in the flesh

# Attitudes that manifest holiness

## Peaceable

- **Matthew 5:9** - be a peacemaker  
**Romans 12:18** - live peaceably with all men  
**Hebrews 12:14** - pursue peace with all people  
- IF I am holy, I am not going to draw undue and disgraceful attention to myself. I CARE what others think -  
**1 Peter 2:12, Hebrews 13:18**  
**Matthew 5:16** - my light shines



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## Kindness

- As with being a peacemaker, I need to be kind to others - **1 Corinthians 13:4, Colossians 3:12, Ephesians 4:32, Galatians 5:22**, etc.
  - If we are holy, we are not going to have a retaliatory disposition.  
**DO NOT SINK** to the level of the world in response!

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## Impartiality

- God is impartial - **1 Peter 1:17, Romans 2:11, Acts 10:34**
  - We need to be impartial, too - **1 Timothy 5:21, James 2:1, 9 James 3:17** - the wisdom from above
  - If we are holy, we will welcome ANYONE who is willing to submit to Him - **cf. Galatians 3:28**



Do you have a holy attitude?



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Let us pray!