

The Power Of An Attitude

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (New King James Version)

"Attitude" originally meant the _____ of one's _____.

The Right Attitude Can Mean Survival

- A. Viktor Frankl spent _____ years in _____ camps. He learned that "the _____ of human freedoms [is] to _____ one's _____ in any given set of circumstances."
- B. How God's people survived harsh trials:
1. Acts 5:40-41 - When the _____ received their first _____, they _____ to suffer shame for Christ.
 2. Hebrews 10:34 - Others _____ accepted the _____ of their earthly goods.
 3. Hebrews 12:1,2 - _____ was able to _____ the _____ because of the _____ that was set before Him.
 4. Matthew 26:27 - Integral to Jesus' attitude was the presence of _____, even when faced with His own _____.

Practicing Thankfulness Helps Us Develop Proper Attitudes

- A. The importance of being thankful:
1. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 - It is _____'s _____ that we give thanks in _____.
 2. Psalm 107:1,21-22 - Giving thanks is our way of offering a _____ to _____.
 3. Colossians 2:6,7 - To _____ in Christ we must learn to be _____ in _____.
 4. Colossians 3:15 - We were _____ to live in _____ and to be _____.
 5. Esther 6:3 - Even the _____ knew it wasn't _____ to not give _____ for good things others have done.
- B. Robbins: "When you are grateful, _____ disappears and _____ appears." Part of his recommended "hour of _____" is a few minutes of _____ and _____ grateful.

Can we teach an old _____ a new _____? With Christ's help we can _____ our attitudes!

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