

ATTITUDE

Purpose

- To qualify an attitude that will help (not hinder) successful living. Is it possible to have a lousy attitude and have a successful life (like the one Joshua had)?

Objective

- Define the term and understand Biblical examples of good and poor attitudes (Josh. 1:1-9; 24:15; Phil. 3:13-14; 4:11; Mt. 7:24-27; 15:8-9).
- Especially, distinguish the attitudes of Joshua and Caleb from the other ten spies (Num. 13:2, 25-33; 14:24).
- Acknowledge that attitude is a personal choice that has enormous impact on whether we will be successful living a Christian life. Note: only Joshua and Caleb got to see the Promised Land.

Outcome

- Understand the importance of attitude in our everyday life. Make sure we each accept that fact that attitude is a personal choice and not a consequence.

Key thought

Yesterday ended last night. Focus, focus, focus! We "can do all things through Christ" - Nothing is impossible with God. Nothing! (Phil. 4:13)

*Success is failure turned inside out –
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt –
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit –
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit*
--- Unknown

Discussion

1. Not all success is "good" (Josh. 1:8); it depends upon what we do with it later.
2. No one succeeds alone. Good success goes back to all those who have influenced us: parents, teachers, friends, etc. (See Deut. 34:9)
3. The rules of success never work unless we do!
4. Don't let your success be the means of someone else's failure.
5. There will never be much success where there is no enthusiasm.
6. What are our goals? Do we prioritize our goals? Do write them down?
7. Can you think of a time where you became discouraged and it kept you from reaching a goal?
8. Are we guilty of trying to take on more than you can achieve?
9. Do we allow past performances (successes or failures) to keep us from moving forward? (**Phil. 3:13-14**).
10. As our nation around us celebrates the Thanksgiving Holiday, how important is an attitude of thankfulness/gratitude? (Psa. 100; Phil. 4:6-7)