PROPER ATTITUDES CHRISTIANS MUST HAVE

INTRODUCTION:

1. Attitude is defined: *disposition toward*.

2. Our attitude is our outlook and approach toward people and things.

3. This lesson has to do with the proper attitude toward persons and things we have to deal with every day.

I. PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD.

1. We are to LOVE God more than anything else. Matt. 22: 37 – 38; Matt. 10:37.

2. We are to REVERENCE God. Heb. 12:28; Psa. 89: 7
   
   (1) Reverence His name. Ps. 111: 9

   a. Never use it in vain. Ex. 20:7

   (2) Reverence His Word. Matt. 5:18; Matt. 24: 35; I Pet. 1:25; Heb. 4:12; II Tim. 3: 16 – 17

   (3) Reverence His Son. John 1: 11 – 12; Matt. 25: 37; Matt. 28:18

3. We are to OBEY Him. Matt. 7:21

4. We are to WORSHIP Him. John 4: 23 -24

II. THE PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD MY FELLOW MAN.

1. I am to LOVE him. Matt. 22: 39

2. I should REGARD HIM WITH RESPECT because he is after the similitude of God. James 3:9

3. I should DESIRE HIS SALVATION. Rom. 10: 1; Acts 8:4; Mk. 16: 15 – 16

4. I should TREAT HIM LIKE I WANT TO BE TREATED. Matt. 7:12

5. I should “WALK IN WISDOM” toward him. Col. 4: 5; I Cor. 9: 19 - 22

6. I should try to LIVE IN PEACE with him. Rom. 12: 18
7. When in need I SHOULD HELP HIM. Lk. 10: 25 – 37; Gal. 6:10

III. THE PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD SELF.

1. Most of our problems have to do with SELF.

2. We are OUR OWN WORST ENEMY many times.

3. We become LOVERS OF OUR OWN SELVES; SELFCENTERD. II Tim. 3:2

4. We THINK TOO HIGHLY OF SELF. Rom. 12:3; Gal. 6:3

5. We become “SELF-RIGHTEOUS”. Lk. 18: 9 – 14

6. We become “SELF-WILLED”. Tit. 1:7

7. How the scriptures teach us to CONQUER SELF:

   (1) Deny self. Lk. 9:23

   (2) Not to think too highly of self. Rom. 12:3

   (3) We are to know and prove self. Gal. 6:3 – 4

   (4) Constantly examine self. II Cor. 13:5

   (5) Consider self. Gal. 6:1

   (6) Control self. I Cor. 9:27

   (7) Esteem others better than self. Phil. 2:3

   (8) Self-sacrificing. Rom. 12:1 – 2

   (9) We are to save ourselves. Acts 2:40; I Tim. 4:16

IV. THE PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD SATAN.

1. The Christian must believe that SATAN DOES EXIST, that he is a being.

   (1) He is called by many different names:

      a. Satan—Lk. 22:31

      b. The devil – John 8:44
c. The god of this world. II Cor. 4:4

d. The prince of the power of the air. Eph. 2:2

2. Satan has a kingdom. Matt. 12: 26

3. Satan is the adversary of every Christian. I Pet. 5:8

4. He seeks advantage of every Christian. II Cor. 2:11

5. Satan uses devices and wiles (crafty and deceitful, he has purpose). II Cor. 2:11; Eph. 6:11

6. He hates the Word of God and tries to steal it. Lk. 8:13; II Cor. 11:3

7. Christians must resist Satan on every hand. James 4:7; I Cor. 10: 13

8. We must avoid his snare. II Tim. 2:26; I Cor. 7:5

V. PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD ERROR.

1. God is against those who teach error. Jer. 23: 30 – 31


3. Paul said to Mark and Avoid those who teach error. Rom. 16:17

4. John said not to give Godspeed to teachers of error. II John 9 – 11

5. Paul said to have no fellowship with error. Eph. 5:11

6. We are to shun all forms of error. I Thess. 5:22; Heb. 18: 9; 13:9; II Pet. 3:17

CONCLUSION