

Ephesians

Walking In Harmony - Part 2

July 8 & 11, 2017

(Ephesians 6:5-9) Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

✓ Our attitudes reflects consequences.

(James 4:6 MSG) It's common knowledge that "God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble."

✓ Our attitudes influence.

(Jeremiah 15:19 NLT) You are to influence them; do not let them influence you!

(2 Corinthians 10:13-16 ESV) ...the area of influence God assigned to us is to reach you... But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence may be greatly enlarged, so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you.

✓ Our attitude is a choice.

(Ephesians 4:22-24) You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

(Philippians 2:5) You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Attitude Adjustment

(Matthew 5:13 TEV) "You are like salt for the whole human race."

(Matthew 5:16 CEV) "Let your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven."

(Colossians 4:5-6) Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

1. Choose gratitude over complaining.

(Philippians 4:11-13) I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

2. Choose encouragement over criticism.

(Hebrews 10:24-25) Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

3. Choose confidence over doubt.

(1 Corinthians 10:12) Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.

(Psalm 57:7 NLT) My heart is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident. No wonder I can sing your praises!

4. Choose generosity over selfishness.

(Proverbs 3:27-28 Message) Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God's hand for that person. Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.

(Isaiah 58:10-11) And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land.

Serve Day July 15th 8:00am Park Avenue Campus