

This Week's Thought: Attitude: *"An outward expression of an inward feeling."*

This Week's Quote: *"It's your attitude, not your aptitude that will determine your altitude with God or anyone else."*

This Week's Prayer Concerns: May we continue to pray for the family of Rena Holsopple. Rena, Sue Coughnour's mother, died Wednesday, January 27th. May we pray especially for Rena's husband, Elvin. Elvin goes for dialysis three times a week.

This Week's Scripture: Luke 15:11-20

It is possible for us as Christians to have the "elder brother" attitude concerning others. First, it is possible for us to assume the place and privilege of a son while refusing the obligations of a brother. The elder brother outwardly was correct, conscientious and industrious, but look at his attitude. Also notice that a wrong relationship with the brother brought a strained relationship with the father (Luke 15:28).

Second, it is possible to serve the Father faithfully yet not be in fellowship with Him. A right relationship will usually cultivate similar interests and priorities. Yet the elder brother had no idea why the father would rejoice over his son's return.

Third, it is possible to be an heir of all our Father possesses yet have less joy and liberty than one who possesses nothing. The servants were happier than the elder son. They ate, laughed, and danced while he stood on the outside demanding his rights.

A wrong attitude kept the elder brother away from the heart's desire of the father, the love of his brother, and the joy of the servants. Wrong attitudes in our lives will block the blessings of God and cause us to live below God's potential for our lives.

Attitude is that little thing that makes a huge difference. May we desire to have the mind (attitude) of Christ. May we all know God's presence, love and blessings this week.

Serving With You,
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