

Having a 'be' attitude

My husband and I have honey bees and do presentations for school children and organizations that want to learn more about them. We love sharing about the life and characteristics of these pollinators. We have learned a lot about their habits and their attitudes when faced with certain circumstances. The Bible teaches about having a “be attitude” as God’s believers, too. Let’s extract some sweet truths!

We can begin with "be strong." In Joshua 1:9, God tells Joshua to be strong and of good courage and not to be afraid or dismayed because the Lord God was with him wherever he went. David wrote in Psalm 31:24, “Be of good courage, and He (God) shall strengthen your heart, all that hope in the Lord.” Before giving the description of God’s



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armor, Paul writes in Ephesians 6:10, “Finally, brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. These verses remind us that we need to be strong and courageous when we are faced with uncertain times, knowing the Lord is with us.

The second attitude we need to possess is to "be on guard/be alert." Paul instructs us to be on guard, watchful, and stand for our faith in 1 Corinthians 16:13. 1 Peter 5:8, “Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour.” Paul and Peter want us to realize we could forget, when things are going well, that our enemy is still lurking around waiting to attack. We must be alert and on guard at all times. Mark 13:33 also tells us to be watchful and pray because we do not know when the Lord will

return. We need to be ready for whenever that day will be.

Other attitudes that should be visible from believers are to "be merciful/be kind." Luke writes Jesus’ words in 6:36, “Be therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.” Ephesians 4:32, “And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven you.” Romans 12:10 repeats be kind to others. Our attitudes should display our kindness, compassion, and forgiveness toward others even when we are not treated in the same fashion. The wages or punishment for our sins was death, but Christ Jesus died to pay the price for us (Romans 5:8). He gives forgiveness for our sins and shows mercy toward us. Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:14-15 that if we forgive others, our Father will also forgive us; but if we don’t forgive, neither will our Father forgive us. Ouch, that stings, but it’s God’s Word not

mine.

In this world of busyness, the next “be” attitudes can be harder to come by: "be still/ be holy." Psalm 46:10, “Be still, and know that I am God ...” Meaning, we’ve got to stop and take time to walk and talk with Jesus, and read the Word along with worshiping and praising Him. We read in Psalm 119:103 that God’s Word is sweet to the taste, sweeter than honey! He wants our relationship with Him to grow and be steadfast. 1 Peter 1:15-16 also reveals that all of our conversations should be holy and to strive to be holy just as Jesus is holy. The Holy Spirit convicts believers to turn away and repent from sin and grow to be more like Jesus throughout their lives.

The last attitude I am referencing is one I want to exude all the time. I must confess that sometimes it’s not as visible on the surface but it’s always in my heart. It is "be joyful." Romans 12:12, “Be joyful in hope, patient

in affliction, faithful in prayer.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16 and Philippians 4:4 tell us to always be joyful and rejoice in the Lord, buzzing with happiness. Psalm 118:24, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. As believers, no matter the circumstances, our attitude should be joyful because we have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus and will one day go to our eternal home in Heaven.

Just like the honey bees in our hives work together toward one goal, we as believers should do likewise in our lives and work for the Lord. Our attitudes should be reflections for others to see the Lord in us and to bring others to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. How are your ‘be’ attitudes?

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Breaking free from the bondage of lust

Lust. It’s the topic that we are often uncomfortable to speak about, at least in Christian circles. Lust is responsible for the bondage in the lives of millions of believers.

According to Psychology Today, 98% of men and 73% of women reported looking at pornography in the last six months. And 80% of men and 26% of women reported looking at porn in the last week. Our society is self-indulgent and considers its wrongs as all right.

However, the sins of lust and porn, on a spiritual level, are highly problematic. I believe it hinders our intimacy with God. It steals who we are, and traps us in cycles of self-loathing, shame, and depression. Lust will lead one into spiritual sickness,



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weakness, and apathy. It also causes us to be emotionally cold toward people.

Lust births in us a coldness toward people. When we don’t control our urges, we begin to see people as objects, rather than a soul to be loved. It’s much easier to disconnect from objects than from the people we love.

There is hope for breaking free from sinful lust. But we must attack the problem like a warrior. Jesus made his position perfectly clear — "Never commit adultery."

"However, I say to you, if you look with lust in your eyes at the body of a woman who is not your wife, you’ve already committed adultery in your

heart." - Matthew 5:27-28 TPT

Jesus says plainly, “If your right eye seduces you to fall into sin, then go blind in your right eye! For you’re better off losing sight in one eye than to have your whole body thrown into hell. [30] And if your right hand entices you to sin, let it go limp and useless! For you’re better off losing a part of your body than to have it all thrown into hell." - Matthew 5:29-30 TPT

Jesus was using a bit of sarcasm to make a serious point. If we paraphrase Jesus’ intention, it would be this: If you are caught in the bondage of lust, take radical action and violently resist the temptation.

We must go deeper to conquer this thing called lust: You must get honest with yourself. It’s going to

be very hard and very painful.

Confession is important for us because we bring our secrets out of the darkness and into the light. When brought to light, our sin loses a lot of its power.

When you confess your sin to God, He forgives you on the basis of His grace. God has determined healing through confession to other believers.

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed.” - James 5:16 MSG

Once we recognize our spiritual bondage, we recognize it can be broken with a contrite heart of repentance. God will never resist this kind of heart. You can approach Him in prayer today, and He will in no wise reject you.

A word picture of God

A young girl announced to her family that she was going to draw a picture of God. Her mother said, "No one knows what God looks like." The little girl said, "They will when I get through."

David painted a word picture of God in Psalm 23. We have a greater understanding of God when David finishes.

"The Lord is my shepherd" is the key to the whole Psalm.

David uses the most popular name for God in the Bible. It is revered by the children of Israel. It was written and never spoken. Each time they wrote "Yahweh," they used a new quill and new ink.

Many today have gone to the other extreme. They are so careless in their use of God's name that it means nothing.

"The Lord is ..." David uses a present tense verb. He was not talking about what God had done for him or what He was going to do for him in the future; he was talking about what



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God meant to him right then.

What does God mean to you today? If you were asked to give a testimony, would you talk about the long ago?

"My" — David uses the personal pronoun. He said, "The Lord is my shepherd."

David had been a shepherd as a lad. He understood what it meant to be a shepherd — leading his sheep, protecting them, seeking them when they went astray, anointing them with oil when they were wounded, bringing them into the fold at the end of day. From his experience with the sheep David said, "The Lord is to me what a shepherd is to his sheep." David touches every aspect of life as he draws his picture of God.

"He makes me lie down in green pastures." Sheep lying down in green pastures is a picture of contentment. Sheep beside still water is a picture of peace and rest. When the storms of life come, Jesus,

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A local lady told me of her vacation on a cruise ship, which had docked somewhere in the Caribbean. When they had departed the ship, she told her husband that she wanted to go to Mass. So he went and asked the driver of one of those crazy old school buses from the U.S. that are held together with baling twine and hope if he could take them to Mass. He said, "Yes," and began to seek other people who might need a ride somewhere. These

buses don’t have routes, they just go wherever needed.

The couple got on the bus, and, when the driver was satisfied with the amount of passengers, off they went. Later, the bus

pulled up in front of the Catholic Church where the couple got off. As they walked towards the Church, she happened to look over her shoulder, and, lo and behold, many

of the passengers and the driver followed them into the Mass. Her talent was the desire for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass — talent well spent!

Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph!

EMPLOYMENT

Install and Repair Technician - Bowling Green/WRECC Area

North Central Telephone Cooperative [NCTC], a provider of High-Speed Internet, Video and Telephone services in Lafayette, TN seeks an experienced Install & Repair Technician to serve our member customers in South Central Kentucky. **Candidates for this position must reside within a 15-mile radius of Bowling Green Kentucky or Grayson County Kentucky.**

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Grayson County Fiscal Court, 130 E Main Street, Leitchfield, KY 42754 has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to remove the bridge deck, beams, and substructure of the current bridge on Pleasant View Road. This will be replaced with a brand new single span, precast box beam bridge on new abutments. There will be no temporary diversion built for the construction of the project. The road will be CLOSED to all thru traffic during construction. From the Grayson County Court House head West on US62 for 6.7 miles. Then turn left on Pleasant View Road, the bridge is approximately 2.5 miles down Pleasant View Road. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Surface Water Permit Branch, Flood Plain Management Section 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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BID AT WWW.HBARRYSMITH.COM

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