



# Way of the Eagle

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## ATTITUDES

**W**e must each watch our thoughts as they can become our words; watch our words as they can become our actions; watch our actions as they can become our habits; watch our habits as they can become our character; watch our character as they can become our destiny.

Our thoughts and words determine the outcome of our life and if we don't get in agreement with God's plan we end up having what the enemy has for us-which is destruction.

The Bible says: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life]". Proverbs 18:21

We need to have a positive mind and mouth over our life. Not speaking fear but faith. Our thoughts affect our mind, moods & attitudes.

Our thoughts are the raw material for our attitudes. Good attitudes are kept alive by good thoughts; bad attitudes are fed by bad thoughts. Our attitudes determine our altitude. Our attitude determines how far we go in life.

When we have decided to have a Godly attitude towards an ungodly situation then things will began to change in our life. We can't just get a good attitude. We have to decide what kind of attitude we are going to have in a specific situation. Just say, "Something good will come out of this; something good is going to happen to me after this season in my life" or "what satan intents for my harm, God intents for my good, I believe it will ultimate work out for my good".

Romans 8:28 says: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose".

**Our attitude is our choice.**

**There are 10 attitudes that we need to be aware of:**

**ONE: A Give Up Attitude:** "This is too hard I can't do this; this is too hard to study; too hard to pray; too hard to pray". Whatever God guides you to do you can encourage yourself by saying, "This is not too hard for me to do it because I believe "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens Me". Philippians 4:13

We are anointed for hard things Deuteronomy 30: 10-11: "If you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with all your being. For this commandment which I command you this day is not too difficult for you, nor is it far off".

**TWO: The Past will be my Future:** This attitude prevents progress in our life: that our future is based on our past or present". A bad attitude is when you say, "I guess I'll have more of what I've already had. I've had a sad beginning so I guess I'll have a sad ending". No, you have to have vision for your life, as people without vision perish. No matter what's happening in the past or no mater what's happening right now, we must believe that God has great things planned for each of His children!

Ephesians 5:15-17 says: "Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),

Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil. Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is”.

It is not God's will for you to be poor, unhappy, sick in your body or miserable. God wants us to have a good life. **3 John 1:2** "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers". It is God's will for us to have good relationships. Much of what we have in the past is because the enemy interfered and got in. But we can't just look at our past and hope that our future is going to be what our past has been. No matter what we are going through or have gone through in the past, we must be positive about our future. There are many people today that they are hopeless, which is an awful depressive state to be in.

We can break free from wrong relationships and wrong choices in life taking us on wrong paths against God's will, against our destiny, into ongoing depression and failure. But attitude must change to bring about change in the future to not repeat a broken past or present.

**THREE: Following the Flesh:** Jesus never judged by the sight of his eyes or the hearing of His ears.

**Isaiah 11:3** " And shall make Him of quick understanding, and His delight shall be in the reverential and obedient fear of the Lord. And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, neither decide by the hearing of His ears".

He listened to how the Holy Spirit was directing Him. He believed the Word of God above the circumstances and His situation. If we give our all to Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, something awesome will come out of us! God can do more with nothing. Give your nothingness to God and He will do miracles. Don't give what you're not. Don't follow the world, other people, your flesh desires and lusts. The devil will try to tell us that we're not smart enough or not good looking enough, neither gifted nor talented enough. If we give to God everything that we're not, He will give us everything that He has. This is not about you but is about what God can do through you. Surrender your all to God and follow your spiritual senses. Paul said that His strength was made perfect in his weakness (**2 Corinthians 12:9**). Can we expect the miraculous when we act as god? (Self worship)

**FOUR: Murmuring, Grumbling and Faultfinding:** **Philippians 4:5-7** "Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”.

**Philippians 2:14-15:** "Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky”.

When we're negative and complain we open the door for the devil. We need to give thanks to the Lord for everything in our lives. Remaining faithful and refusing to complain is powerful. Impatience is the fruit of pride. Be patient while you wait. We spend more time in our life waiting rather than receiving. If we're not going to wait with a good attitude then we're going to be miserable.

Wait eagerly; not jealous of other people who are reaping a harvest while we're still planting, sowing, and nurturing.

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James 1:2-8 says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do".

God is not glorified by our suffering but He is glorified by our attitude in our suffering.

**FIVE: Making Excuses, Blaming Others:** Such as: "I know I should forgive but it just too hard. I can't help it I have a bad temper". The blame game started in the garden.

Take responsibility for our actions. Begin by being truthful with ourselves. We need to take an inventory of who we are and how we act and stop blaming others for acts that we own. I can't stand people that turn any and every situation around to be 100% my fault.

**SIX: Judgemental Attitude:** Matthew 7:1-6 says: "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces".

Judge others only in a righteous manner (John 7:24; 1 Corinthians 2:15). Don't live under the tyranny of other people's false judgements and misplaced attitudes toward us.

**SEVEN: Jealousy Envy and Comparison:** If you are jealous fight it and help someone get ahead. Overcome evil with good.

**EIGHT: Impatient Attitude:** You want everything in life fast. You'll find that God doesn't usually operate fast so it's best to submit to His schedule for your destiny. Maintaining impatience or your "making things happen", results in a delay or destruction of the destiny God has planned for you. Your acting on your behalf, under your plan and direction is also sin, as you have declared yourself god over your life. That's self-idolization.

**NINE: Stubbornness Attitude** sounds like, "I won't do that thing, unless it's done my way". Demanding our way is again self-idolization. The Holy Spirit's way for us is the way to go.

**TEN: A Lazy Attitude:** God created us to not sit around and do nothing (unless we're waiting for His direction). He created us for great things and accomplishments, not to sit around hoping something will happen. This is not pleasing to God. We need to worship, praise, work, and rest and play in balance. We are not to be lazy or indifferent.

Take a hard look at yourself in each of these 10 attitudes to see where you need to repent, need God's assistance, need prayer, need to correct or need spiritual warfare to get free. Then implement and move forward in new and revised successful attitudes and enhanced freedom in Christ!