

Come let us Grow Together: Thoughts, Attitudes, & Behavior

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in things pertaining to God.

Your thoughts create attitudes which corresponds to your behavior. It is important to realize that as Christians each one of us must mold our Thoughts, Attitudes, & Behavior to that of which the Word of God teaches us. In so doing, each one of us will begin to talk the same talk and to walk the same walk. This is because we are of the same mind, because we have molded our thoughts to what thus saith the Word of God!

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (2 Cor 10:4-5)

Did you hear it? Are weapons are mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. You must guard your thoughts!! What are you telling yourself? What are you allowing your mind to ponder upon? What manner of spirit are you of?

But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. (Lk 9:55)

Not only must you guard your thoughts, but you also must guard your attitude and your behavior! Are you of a positive attitude or a negative attitude?

We can learn a lot by looking at the report of the 12 spies sent out by Moses to give a report of the promised land. We see 2 different reports and we see 2 different spirits!!

The first report was negative...

And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. (Num 13:26-29)

And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. And they brought up an evil report of the land

which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

This resulted by their thoughts which were produced by a doubtful spirit. This spirit spread to the entire congregation!! (Num 13:30-33) The spirit of doubt!!

And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. (Num 14:1-24)

This doubtful spirit which was produced by their evil report of the land brought forth a negative attitude in which they spoke and questioned God. Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! Ultimately their corresponding behavior was to devise a plan to return in to Egypt!

However, Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh were of a different spirit!!

And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not. (Num 14:6-24)

Joshua and Caleb were of a positive spirit of faith!! They believed the Lord!! And they gave a different report in accordance to what they believed, which was produced by their thoughts. Their thoughts produced a positive attitude and their corresponding behavior was to take the land in which the Lord had promised to them!!

And the Lord said,

Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. (Num 14:22-24)

It's in your mind set. It's in your belief system. Faith says I can!! Doubt says I can't! It's time that each one of us challenge our belief system!! Let us examine our thoughts and see if what we

are telling ourselves is truth or a lie!! Is our thoughts of a doubtful spirit or are they of a faithful spirit?

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. (Pro 18:21) Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. (Eph 4:29) Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. (Col 4:6)

He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. (1 Jn 2:6)

It's all in your Thoughts, Attitudes, and Behavior!!