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# **“Attitudes and Actions”**

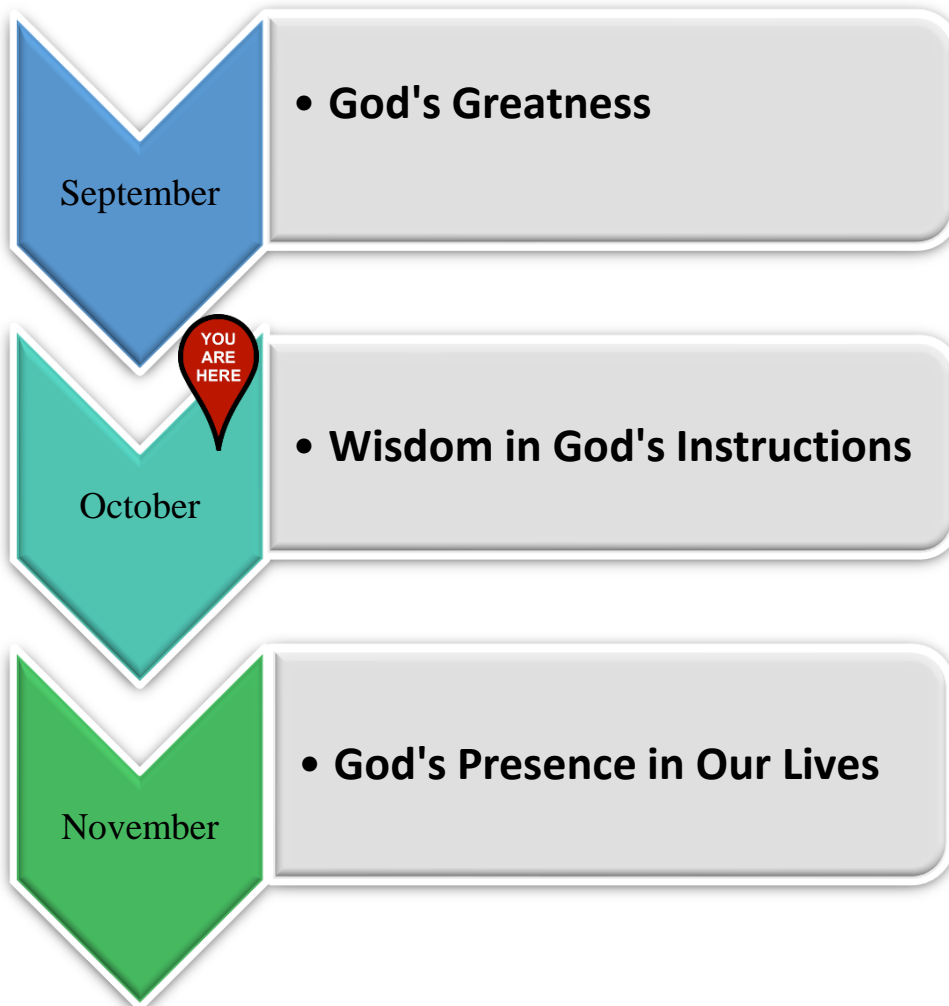
**Wisdom of God’s Instructions – Godly Lifestyle**

Windsor, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

*Welcome to Church*

“Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.”

**James 2:24**



*“be ready always to  
give an answer to  
every man **that**  
**asketh** you a  
**reason** of the hope  
that is in you with  
meekness and fear”*  
1 Peter 3:15



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## **I Love you Lord**

(Songwriters: Laurie B. Klein © House Of Mercy Music)

I love You, Lord  
And I lift my voice  
To worship You  
Oh, my soul, rejoice  
Take joy, my King  
In what You hear  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound  
In Your ear

## **Forever**

The moon and stars they wept  
The morning sun was dead  
The Savior of the world was fallen  
His body on the cross  
His blood poured out for us  
The weight of every curse upon  
him

One final breath He gave  
As Heaven looked away  
The Son of God was laid in  
darkness  
A battle in the grave  
The war on death was waged  
The power of hell forever broken

### **PRE-CHORUS**

The ground began to shake  
The stone was rolled away

His perfect love could not be  
overcome  
Now death where is your sting  
Our resurrected King has  
rendered you defeated

**CHORUS** Forever, He is glorified  
Forever, He is lifted high  
Forever, He is risen  
He is alive, He is alive

### **PRE CHORUS - CHORUS**

**BRIDGE** We sing Hallelujah  
We sing Hallelujah  
We sing Hallelujah  
The Lamb has overcome  
(Repeat)

### **CHORUS**

## **All of my Days**

(All Of My Days lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group)

Proclaim Your awesome power,  
tell of mighty deeds  
Declare Your future kingdom of  
everlasting peace  
And my eyes, they look unto You  
always  
And I am captured by Your  
majesty

All of my days I will sing of Your  
greatness  
All of my days I will speak of Your  
grace  
All of my days I will tell of Your

wondrous love

Your love in my life, Your love

All Your works will praise You  
Your children bless Your name  
We speak of all Your goodness  
We walk in fields of grace  
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# **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

**Luke 11: 2-4**

# Attitudes and Actions

The Bible talks about the importance of our attitude.

***Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus***

**Philippians 2:5**

- The word "mind" here is the Greek word *phroneo*, which means: "thinking" or "attitude."
- Paul is saying that Christians need to have the "attitude" of Christ.
- The attitude that is being called for in this context is that of humility (verses 3-4). As Christians, we are called to pattern our lives after Christ.
- There are two key attitudes we need to develop.



# Attitudes and Actions

## 1. THE ATTITUDE OF PERSEVERANCE [or PATIENCE].

If you want to be a Christian whose life is honoring to the Lord, you need perseverance.

***<sup>5</sup> And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; <sup>6</sup> And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; <sup>7</sup> And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 2 Peter 1:5-7***

- Do you have the attitude to persevere no matter what obstacles you come against, or are you easily discouraged?
- When we study bible stories and accounts we see the value of perseverance and patience.

# Attitudes and Actions

## 2. THE ATTITUDE OF HUMILITY

How many times in your life have you felt like God owed you something more than you were getting? Probably too many to count. We must understand that God does not owe any of us anything...

Whatever we have, we have received from God. Now someone will say, "I have what I have because I worked hard for it." Please notice what God says about this very attitude:

***<sup>17</sup> And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. <sup>18</sup> But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:17-18***

# Attitudes and Actions

*Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

Proverbs 4:23

- We could paraphrase this verse this way: **"Guard your mind (or attitude) above everything else you do because it will determine the life you live."**
- We spend a lot of time and money protecting and guarding our houses, cars, and physical property. We take out insurance, and do many things to protect our property.
- But the most important asset that we need to guard is our thinking. **Our actions are the product of our thinking and attitudes.**

Thoughts taken from this article. Bible quotes changed to KJV.  
<https://www.bereanbiblechurch.org/transcripts/philippians/attitude.htm#:~:text=The%20word%20%22mind%22%20here%20is,pattern%20our%20lives%20after%20Christ>.

# Attitudes and Actions

- Faith (our attitude) and works (our actions) are related to each other in a somewhat catch-22 way.

## Catch-22

(kætʃ ˈtwentɪtʌi ⓘ) also **Catch 22**

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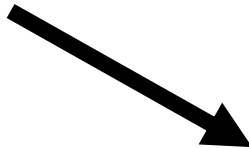
If you describe a situation as a **Catch-22**, you mean it is an impossible situation because you cannot do one thing until you do another thing, but you cannot do the second thing until you do the first thing.

*It's a Catch 22 situation here. Nobody wants to support you until you're successful, but without the support how can you ever be successful?*

<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/catch-22#:~:text=If%20you%20describe%20a%20situation,a%20Catch%2022%20situation%20here.>

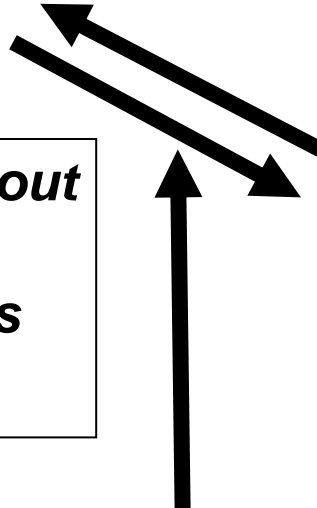
- **But, there is no argument about the fact that what we ‘think’ and what we ‘do’ are related in some way.**

**HOPE**



***Now faith is the substance  
of things hoped  
for, the evidence of things  
not seen. Heb 11:1***

**FAITH**



**WORKS**

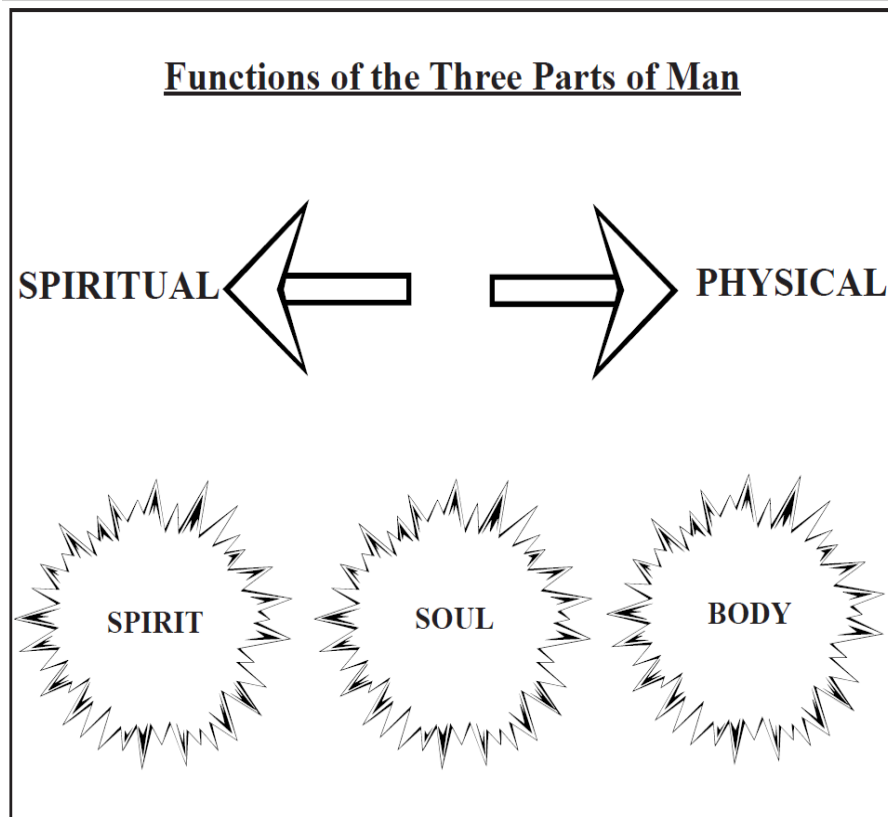
***For as the body without  
the spirit is dead, so  
faith without works is  
dead also. James 2:26***

***And now abideth  
faith, hope, charity,  
these three; but the  
greatest of these is  
charity. 1Cor 13:13***

***And the spirit of the LORD shall  
rest upon him, the spirit of  
wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and  
might, the spirit of knowledge  
and of the fear of the LORD***

**ISA 11:2**

# Attitudes and Actions



***Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Eph 4:13***

***And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1Thes 5:23***

***James argues the inter-relationship between faith and works. How can you show your faith without actually doing something that demonstrates it, however to do works without the faith to underpin them only creates 'dead' works.***

**James 2:14-26**

<sup>14</sup> What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

<sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

<sup>16</sup> And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give

them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

<sup>17</sup> Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

<sup>18</sup> Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

<sup>19</sup> Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

<sup>20</sup> But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

<sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had

offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

<sup>22</sup> Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

<sup>23</sup> And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

<sup>24</sup> Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

<sup>25</sup> Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

<sup>26</sup> For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.



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(Rom. 13/11,12; John 14/12)

The time and the season are here,  
 That man like his God will be made;  
 But yet one cannot so appear,  
 Who has all His statutes obey'd.

Without all his fulness, mankind  
 His laws cannot fully obey;  
 But all who do seek it will find,  
 E'en all who sincerely do pray.

There is no yet one on the earth,  
 Who can of himself keep the law;  
 But all who do seek, the Lord saith,  
 Within them His work He will do.

***Paul expounds the value of faith that inspired the patriarchs, and many others.***

## **Hebrews 11**

**11** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

<sup>2</sup> For by it the elders obtained a good report.

<sup>3</sup> Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that

he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

<sup>6</sup> But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

***Paul then mentions Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Moses and many others who***

***were inspired by faith to seek God's promises.***

...<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

<sup>14</sup> For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

<sup>15</sup> And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

<sup>16</sup> But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city....

***(more examples of people who sought God's promises and acted in faith)***

<sup>39</sup> And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

<sup>40</sup> God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

## Hebrews 12

**12** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

<sup>2</sup> Looking unto Jesus the **author and finisher** of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup> For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

<sup>4</sup> **Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.**

<sup>5</sup> And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

<sup>6</sup> For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

<sup>7</sup> If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

<sup>8</sup> But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are

partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

<sup>9</sup> Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

<sup>10</sup> For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

<sup>11</sup> Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of

righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

<sup>12</sup> Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

<sup>13</sup> And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

<sup>14</sup> Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

***Paul talks of the failure of Esau to respect his birthright and receive his blessing, just as the first covenant was unable to redeem mankind.***

<sup>22</sup> But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

<sup>23</sup> To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

<sup>24</sup> And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

<sup>28</sup> Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

<sup>29</sup> For our God is a consuming fire.

## *Message*

“Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.”

**James 2 :24**

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O come, sweet anthems let us sing,  
 Just thanks to our Almighty King:  
 For we our voices all should raise  
 To join in the Creator's praise.

Into His presence let us haste  
 To thank Him for His mercies past;  
 To Him address in joyful songs  
 The praise, which to His truth belongs.

For God the Lord, enthron'd in state,  
 Is with unrivall'd glory great:  
 The mighty sea by His right hand  
 Was curb'd, and fix'd the solid land.

Then let us to His courts repair,  
 And bow with adoration there:  
 He's all men's Saviour and will be  
 Prais'd by them in eternity.