

A group of people are gathered around a table, looking at and discussing various documents and papers. The scene is focused on the hands and the papers, with a central text overlay. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered within a white rectangular box. The background is slightly blurred, showing the hands of several people and the edges of the papers they are holding. The overall atmosphere is one of collaborative work and discussion.

ATTITUDES NEEDED IN CONGREGATIONAL WORK

INTRODUCTION:

A. As Christians work together in a local congregation, the right attitudes are necessary.

B. In what areas should we be concerned about our attitudes?

1. Our attitude toward God

2. Our attitude toward ourselves as individuals

3. Our attitude toward our brethren

4. Our attitude toward the work we do together as a church

The background of the slide shows a close-up, slightly blurred view of several hands holding and reading open books. The books are of various colors and are spread out, suggesting a group study or a library setting. The lighting is warm, and the focus is on the text of the books.

I. ATTITUDES TOWARD GOD:

Matthew 22:37, And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

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Hebrews 11:6, And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

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Romans 1:20-21, 20) For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So, they are without excuse. 21) For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

II. ATTITUDES TOWARD SELF:

Romans 12:3, For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

II. ATTITUDES TOWARD SELF:

John 13:12-17, 12) When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? 13) You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14) If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.

II. ATTITUDES TOWARD SELF:

15) For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16)

Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17) If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

II. ATTITUDES TOWARD SELF:

Proverbs 15:31-32, 31) The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise. 32) Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.

III. ATTITUDES TOWARD BRETHREN:

John 13:34-35, 34) A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35) By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

III. ATTITUDES TOWARD BRETHREN:

1 Peter 1:22-23, 22) Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23) since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

III. ATTITUDES TOWARD BRETHREN:

1 Corinthians 12:21, The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

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Ephesians 5:21, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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Ephesians 4:1-3, 1) I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3) eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

III. ATTITUDES TOWARD BRETHREN:

Galatians 6:1, Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

IV. ATTITUDES TOWARD WORK:

1 Timothy 1:12, I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service

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IV. ATTITUDES TOWARD WORK:

2 Corinthians 9:7, Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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Nehemiah 4:6, So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

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IV. ATTITUDES TOWARD WORK:

Proverbs 18:9, Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys.

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IV. ATTITUDES TOWARD WORK:

**Philippians 2:14, Do all things
without grumbling or
questioning,**

IV. ATTITUDES TOWARD WORK:

Hebrews 6:12, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

IV. ATTITUDES TOWARD WORK:

2 Timothy 4:7, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith”.

CONCLUSION:

Ecclesiastes 10:10, If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed.

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2 Timothy 2:21, Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

A background image showing several pairs of hands holding and reading open books. The books are of various colors and sizes, and the hands are positioned as if actively engaged in reading. The overall scene suggests a library or a study environment.

CONCLUSION:

What is your attitude toward your relationship with God, with ourselves, our brethren, and our work!