**Devotion**

Pleasant View Baptist Church ● Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

**Attitude**

As a school teacher I am often found talking about attitude to my students. I think it is important to make sure we develop good students with good attitudes. Over the last 10 years, I have learned that I can handle a lot as a school teacher. I understand students are going to get in trouble. They are kids. It’s what they do. However, the one thing that still drives me crazy to this day are students with bad attitudes. I think it is important for us to have good attitudes in all that we do. However, it is essential for us to have a Christian attitude in every aspect of our life.

The writer of the scripture, Paul, wrote this Epistle to the Philippians while he was in prison. We are not certain why he was in prison. Yet, throughout his writings to the Philippians one can tell that Paul was constantly displaying a Christian attitude even through this adversity. Paul’s heart and mind are centered on Christ and Christian thoughts. Paul’s writing in Philippians 2:1-11 provide that he was centered on promoting a Christian attitude.

In my study, I think it is essential that we display a Christian attitude both outside the church and inside the church. As Christians, I think we are sometimes guilty of treating our Christian attitude as a light switch. We sometimes find ourselves of displaying a Christian attitude when it is convenient for us. Outside of the church, it is easy to get frustrated in life. As Christians, life is not always going to go our way. However, we must keep our focus on Christ and continue to maintain that Christian attitude. As it is important to display a Christian attitude outside the church, it is also important for us to display a Christian attitude when we are in church. I certainly believe that our attitude affects the way we worship. When we come to church with the wrong attitude it hinders our worship of God. I encourage you to have your mind focus the next time you are on your way to worship service. Let us all be found having our hearts and minds centered on Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed day!

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