

“Attitudes that Stunt Biblical Growth” 2/17/19

1 Peter 2:1-3

Sermon Series- “*Living for the Glory of God in a Hostile World*”

Big Idea- Because we have been given such a great salvation and we have committed ourselves to be Christians who love our spiritual family, we should move beyond our old life and continue to crave our new life in the Lord!

“Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us” Heb 12:1

LESSON 1- For us to grow spiritually we need to avoid SINFUL attitudes

- A. In order to grow we must be willing to take off the clothes of SIN (1 Pet 2:1; Rom 13:12; Heb 12:1; James 1:21; old life- 1 Pet 1:3, 14, 22)
- B. We must take off the attitude of MALICE (Ill-will, bitterness) (Acts 8:22; Rom 1:29; 1 Cor 5:8; 14:20; Titus 3:3; Eph 4:31; Prov 24:17)
- C. We must take off the attitude of DECEIPT (Insincerity, inauthentic) (**John 1:47**; Mark 7:22; Romans 1:29; - which masks keep people out?)
- D. We must take off the attitude of HYPOCRISY (Pretenders/fakes) (Gal 2:11-16; Acts 5:1-10; Matt 7:21-23; which masks do we switch?)
- E. We must take off the attitude of ENVY (**Discontent**, resentful, covetous) (Rom 1:29; Gal 5:21; 1 Tim 6:4; James 4:5; Phil 2:3; **Matt 20:1-16**)
- F. We must take off the attitude of all SLANDER (speaking against) (2 Corinthians 12:20 ‘backbiting’ or evil speakings; James 4:11)

Going Deeper *God wants us to confess our attitudes that are preventing growth!*

LESSON 2- For us to grow spiritually we need to embrace SEEKING attitudes

- A. We are like newborns, helpless to grow without the diet of God’s WORD (Matthew 4:4; 1 Cor 3:2; Hebrews 5:11-12)
- B. The reason we need the word is to GROW in our spiritual walk. (John 17:17; Psalm 119:11; 105; Joshua 1:8; 2 Peter 1:3; Ephesians 1:3)
- C. We should continue to seek because we have tasted that He is GOOD

Going Deeper *God wants us to be seeking Him constantly so He can finish His work!*

Have you tasted of the Lord and seen His grace and goodness? (Ps 34:8)

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples