



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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ATTITUDE

Attitude has so much to do with living the Christian life. A negative attitude will cause one to be overly critical and to see only the dark side of life. Such a perspective can be very depressing. When we see only the bad, we cease to experience the joys of being a Christian.

Our focus should be on the positive. Just look around. See our wonderful world as it was created by God. The sunrise, the majestic mountains, the rivers and the oceans, the beautiful flowers, and trees, and all the magnificent wonders of the world were given to us by God to enjoy. What a great love God has for mankind! We are such a blessed people. How can we help but be happy?

The positive Christian has hope burning like a flame in his heart. He has learned from God's word about His love for His children and he knows the great price God paid for all of us, not just for His children, but for all the souls of the whole world.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Knowing such a price was paid for us, we cannot help but be joyful and confident that, if we remain faithful, we will receive that crown of life that has been promised (**Revelation 2:10**).

Another of the beauties and joys of this life is the Christian home. A truly Christian home is one with loving, godly parents who are working together to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Such a home has members who desire to spend eternity together in heaven. To achieve this marvelous goal, this family spends time studying together in order to be familiar with God's road map to heaven.

Yes, attitude can make the difference between being saved or being lost. We are the light of the world, a city set on a hill (**Matthew 5:14**). Let's be sure the world knows that we are happy to be Christians!

Dale Grissom

I SAID NOTHING

Robert Benchley once remarked, “Drawing on my fine command of language, I said nothing.” No matter how great your vocabulary may be, sometimes, the right thing to say is nothing.

First, if you cannot speak with purity, the best thing that you can say, no matter how large your vocabulary may be, is nothing. We read, “*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*” (Ephesians 4:29).

Second, if you cannot speak with sweetness, the best thing you can say, no matter how rich your vocabulary may be, is nothing. We read, “*Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you*” (Ephesians 4:31-32).

Third, if you cannot speak with grace, the best thing that you can say, no matter how extensive your vocabulary may be, is nothing. Paul wrote, “*Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man*” (Colossians 4:6).

Fourth, if you cannot speak with self-control, the best thing that you can say, no matter how full your vocabulary may be, is nothing. We read, “*But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth*” (Colossians 3:8).

Fifth, if you cannot speak with truthfulness, the best thing that you can say, no matter how huge your vocabulary may be, is nothing. We read, “*Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds*” (Colossians 3:9).

Sixth, if you cannot speak with love, the best thing that you can say, no matter how big your vocabulary may be, is nothing. Paul wrote, “*But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into all things, which is the head, even Christ*” (Ephesians 4:15).

Obviously, I could go on and on. However, I believe that you get my point. Let’s make sure that what we say is what it needs to be. If it isn’t, the best thing that we can do is say nothing.

Wade Webster