

Sunday: Time for An Attitude Check

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Attitudes are like background music in our lives. Attitudes are ever present, ever influencing our lives, playing in the background during every moment of our lives. Attitude is a key to consistent Christian living. The attitude we should have is that of Christ (Phil. 2:5). When Christ's attitude permeates our lives, we are unceasingly in prayer, focused on things that make no sense in this world. Four attitudes can make a big difference in our daily efforts to live the Christian life—availability, sensitivity, responsiveness, and gratitude.

First, live with an attitude of availability. God, I am available for you to work through me to accomplish your kingdom purposes. I have no personal agenda, I am emptied (Phil. 2:9), I am totally available for you to do your work in and through me wherever and whenever.

Second, live with an attitude of sensitivity. God, make me sensitive to the world, let me see you, make me aware of your presence in the world, assure me with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Help me see where and how you are at work, help me see opportunities. Make me "kingdom sensitive" so that I see you and your work and your way in the events of my life.

Third, live with an attitude of responsiveness. God, make me responsive to the opportunities you provide. Let me live in integrity, demonstrating the beauty of your plan for your human creation. As I am going, wherever I go, may availability and sensitivity combine to make me a responsive instrument in your hand to accomplish your will.

Fourth, live with an attitude of gratitude. When we understand the love of God for his human creation, we come to understand what he did to save us. Having invested so heavily in our eternal salvation, he continues to do all he can to protect us from the world about us and Satan's snares. For Christians who clearly see this truth, it is harder to turn one's back on God than we have thought or taught. Living in and basking in the love of God for us empowers us and motivates us (2 Cor. 5:14).

When the background music of my life reflects availability for God's purposes, sensitivity to God's presence, responsiveness to God's power and guidance, and gratitude for God's provision, life is different. This continual background music, coupled with unceasing prayer, changes lives. It can do the same for you.