



## Attitude is Everything in Life

**“Words can never adequately convey the incredible impact of our attitude toward life. The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it.”**

**“I believe the single most significant decision I can make on a day-to-day basis is my choice of attitude. It is more important than my past, my education, my bankroll, my successes or failures, ...”**

**“...fame or pain, what other people think of me or say about me, my circumstances, or my position. Attitude keeps me going or cripples my progress... It alone fuels my fire or assaults my hope.”**

**“When my attitude is right, there’s no barrier too high, no valley too deep, no dream too extreme, no challenge too great for me.”**

**—CHARLES R. SWINDOLL**

**Attitude is  
Everything in  
Relationships**

**Essential #3:**  
You will never build  
great relationships by  
indulging bad attitudes.

**Examine the Attitudes  
that Destroy Your  
Relationships**

Love does not envy,  
love does not parade itself,  
love is not puffed up.

**I CORINTHIANS 13:4b**

**Examine the Attitudes that Destroy  
Your Relationships:**

**Let Envy Ensnare  
Your Thoughts**

**Latin Proverb:**  
“Envy is the enemy  
of honor.”

What is it we envy or resent in others?

Attention  
Appearance  
Awards  
Acceptance  
Aptitude  
Address

Achievements  
Abilities  
Associations  
Age  
Acquisitions  
Automobile



**“Make not your  
thoughts prisons.”**

—WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

**“Resentment is like  
drinking a poison and  
waiting for the other  
person to die.”**

**... envy is rottenness  
to the bones.**

**PROVERBS 14:30**

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**Put Your Pride  
on Parade**

**Pride comes before  
destruction,  
and an arrogant spirit  
before a fall.**  
**PROVERBS 16:18**



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**Inflate Your Own  
Importance**

**"Two men went up to the temple  
complex to pray, one a Pharisee  
and the other a tax collector.  
The Pharisee took his stand  
and was praying like this: ..."**

**"...'God, I thank You that I'm  
not like other people—greedy,  
unrighteous, adulterers, or even  
like this tax collector. I fast  
twice a week; I give a  
tenth of everything I get.'"**

**"But the tax collector, standing  
far off, would not even raise  
his eyes to heaven but kept  
striking his chest and saying,  
'God, turn Your wrath  
from me—a sinner!'"**

**"I tell you, this one went down to his house justified rather than the other; because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."**  
**LUKE 18:10-14 (HCSB)**

**Knowledge puffs up  
but love builds up.**  
**I CORINTHIANS 8:1**

**Emphasize Habits  
that Build Your  
Relationships  
(L-I-F-T)**

**L**  
**I**  
**F**  
**T**  
**Look at others through  
a telescope while  
looking at yourself  
through a microscope.**

**L**ook at others through a telescope while  
looking at yourself through a microscope.  
**I**  
**F**  
**T**  
**Identify something you  
admire in another and  
express it frequently.**

**L**ook at others through a telescope while  
looking at yourself through a microscope.  
**I**dentify something you admire in another  
and express it frequently.  
**F**  
**T**  
**Find ways to turn  
conversations from  
*me* to *you*.**



I wanna talk about me  
Wanna talk about I  
Wanna talk about number one  
Oh my me my  
What I think, what I like, what I know,  
what I want, what I see  
I like talking about, usually,  
but occasionally I wanna talk about me  
I wanna talk about me.

**L**ook at others through a telescope while  
looking at yourself through a microscope.

**I**dentify something you admire in another  
and express it frequently.

**F**ind ways to turn conversations from  
“me” to “you”.



**Thank God for His  
goodness in your life.**

**Humble yourselves in  
the sight of the Lord,  
and He will lift you up.**

**JAMES 4:10**

**“All that you achieve and all  
that you fail to achieve is the  
direct result of your own  
thoughts [and attitudes].”**

**—JAMES ALLEN**