

The Right Attitude for the Right Action

Nehemiah 1:4

“If you have the fastest growing black church in the nation, then your community better be the fastest growing black community in the nation” –Zeek

Here at the Berean Church we say that we are the “**Greatest Church in America**” – If we are the greatest church in American there should be some “greatness” showing in our attitude and it should be demonstrated in our actions.

- Matthew 20:20-28
- Luke 22:24-30

The act by which we change and overcome what we have adapted to is through the process of serving/service.

Developing the right attitude of service:

- **Suffering purges you from sin – 1 Peter 4:1**
- **Let loose, let go and let God – Ephesians 4:31**
- **Seeing yourself in the suffering of others – Philippians 2:5-7**
- **Bearing for the blessedness of unity – Ephesians 4:2**
- **Attitude demonstrates action – Numbers 14:24**
- **The law of Love – Romans 14:14-23, 15:1-6**

Nehemiah was immediately put on a path to greatness, not that he was a servant in the Kings highest court, but he identified with the suffering of the people of the community. His service to the community began with SORROW. And it was through his sorrow that the development of attitude and action was discovered. Sorrow is not always a bad place to be, in sorrow some of the greatest minds are shaped and formed.

- What does the bible say about this kind of sorrowed suffering? (Tribulation) – an experience that is hard to bear, distress caused by or resulting from oppression and persecution. So what comes from this kind of suffering or sorrow?
 - **Romans 5:3-5**
 - **Suffering produces perseverance.** Making the decision and sticking with it. (**Job 17:9, Psalm 37:24, Jeremiah 32:40**) Perseverance is being steadfast in doing something despite the difficulty or the delay in achieving the outcome. **Mark 4:3-8** (Hitting and missing but soon or later it will take root in the right place at the right time). Then you can read 1 Corinthians with integrity when Paul says 15:58. You’ve got to do some work. **Philippians 3:10 and Isaiah 53.**
 - **Perseverance produces character.** The mental and moral qualities that make a person distinctive. Your reputation. Proverbs 22:1, Ecclesiastes 7:1,

- Merciful
Psalms 37:26 ; Matthew 5:7
- New creatures
2 Corinthians 5:17 ; Ephesians 2:10
- Obedient
Romans 16:19 ; 1 Peter 1:14
- Poor in spirit
Matthew 5:3
- Prudent
Proverbs 16:21
- Pure in heart
Matthew 5:8 ; 1 John 3:3
- Righteous
Isaiah 60:21 ; Luke 1:6
- Sincere
2 Corinthians 1:12 ; 2:17
- Steadfast
Acts 2:42 ; Colossians 2:5
- Taught by God
Isaiah 54:13 ; 1 John 2:27
- True
2 Corinthians 6:8
- undefiled
Psalms 119:1
- Upright
1 Kings 3:6 ; Psalms 15:2
- Watchful
Luke 12:37
- Zealous of good works
Titus 2:14
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- **Character produces hope.** Hope is the joint to faith and Love (the Values of the Christian – Faith, Hope, Love 1 Corinthians 13:13). Hope opposes seeing and possessing. Romans 8:24, 1 Peter 3:15, Hebrews 10:23. Romans 8:18-30
 - In the face of trouble, faith triumphs