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INTRODUCTION

- No matter what you want to talk about, if it has a human involvement in it, attitude is important.
- Bowman, attitude is where you are in relation to where you ought to be.
- In Romans chapter 12, we have a story of attitudes.

1 Our Attitude Toward God

Romans 12:1–2

- He says, you ought to give your whole to God.
- In the very first place, our attitude toward God must be one of self presentation. What that says is that we subordinate our will to his will.
- That is a sacrifice that lives every day for God. That lives every day with God in mind.
- What that's saying is, it's the only service that makes any sense at all.
- Be transformed, change the very form of who you are. And I'll tell you how that begins. It begins with the forgiveness of sins.
- And that word is in the present, continuous active, which means constantly renewing your mind.

2 Our Attitude Toward Ourselves

Romans 12:3–8

- We ought not to think too highly of ourselves.
- One of the biggest obstacles that every one of us has in our lives is our own pride.
- We need to be humbled by the mere fact that we're recipients of the things of God, that the blood of Christ has washed us clean.
- If you'll understand that God gave everybody something, that everybody has something to do, then you'll understand that you should not be proud.
- Everybody has something in the kingdom that he can do.

3 Our Attitude Toward Others

Romans 12:4–5; Romans 12:9–16

- We're one body in Christ, and yet we're members one of another.
- If everybody does his part, then the whole becomes functional.
- Be kindly affectionate one toward another. That's the motive for all of it.
- When little Johnny got the reward and my little Susie didn't get an award, it's hard to rejoice with them that rejoice. But you do it anyway, because it's right.
- Same mindedness is the constitutive power of unity.

4 Recompense to No Man Evil for Evil

Romans 12:17–21

- You're going to have some people do some bad things to you. They may be Christians, they may not be Christians, but you don't recompense evil for evil.
- What a different world it would be if people cut off the anger at the end of the day.
- Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord.
- He's saying that you want to do it in such a way as it causes the man to see the error that he's involved in and go back to doing right.
- It's a matter of bringing about a penitent attitude.

THE CHALLENGE

Better get your life right with God today.

MY NOTES