

# Good Attitude In God's Service

*(Part 1)*

*“<sup>10</sup> When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, <sup>11</sup> but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing. <sup>12</sup> Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.” <sup>13</sup> He replied, “You give them something to eat.” They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.” <sup>14</sup> (About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” <sup>15</sup> The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. <sup>16</sup> Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. <sup>17</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.” (Luke 9:11-17)*

As we live our lives for the sake of Jesus and His call for us we need to learn and adapt good attitudes in order to be effective and productive and in order that God's name would be lifted up and glorified. God's word and the Holy Spirit are working continuously in our lives to develop good characters and proper attitudes that would make us serving God in a more effective way. As we grow and get maturing in Christ wrong attitudes would be eliminated from our personalities and good characters would be implanted in our lives in order for others to see Christ's life in us.

The Lord Jesus Christ previous to the above chosen passage had send out His apostles as we can read here: *“<sup>d</sup> When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup> and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. <sup>3</sup> He told them: “Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. <sup>4</sup> Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>5</sup> If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>6</sup> So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.” (Luke 9:1-6)*

The apostles truly did exactly all what the Lord had commanded to do proclaiming the good news about Jesus and healing the sick people. Then they came back from their journey and they reported to the Lord all what they did. *Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves.* Jesus here wants to have a fellowship with His apostles, and the apostles would like that also because they needed a time for rest and quality fellowship with the Lord. *But the crowds learned about it and followed him.* Now here we can see clearly that the crowd comes to know where the Lord is and they followed Him and for sure as the crowd would come to meet the Lord will meet also the apostles. For the apostles that was the time that they wanted to be alone with the Lord for rest and for refreshment, but there is a new demand and more work to be done and cannot be put aside. We learn the good attitude from the behavior of Jesus with the crowd. The Lord Jesus did the following with the crowd, *“He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.”* From that we learn the following:

**1- Welcome attitude to God's work and welcome attitude to the crowd who needs the Lord:** Certain opportunities to reach the lost will be open to us while we are resting after a hard work. We need to be ready and welcome the crowd and help them as Jesus helped them. Welcome attitude toward the crowd is part of our holiness, love and commitment to the Lord to reach the lost. It is a manifestation of forgiveness, willingness to share and suffer for the lost. That is the compassion that Jesus would see in us.

**2- Open mouth attitude to preach the gospel, The Good News of Jesus, and speak about the Kingdom of God and the teaching of Jesus:** God sent His Son Jesus to the world. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for our sins and He rose from the dead on the third day to give us eternal life and to be with God forever. This is the good news that the people need to hear and know because only through Jesus there is eternal life and life to the full. We need to have a consistent attitude to preach the gospel and proclaim the good news to the crowd that we are meeting wherever we are; to our neighbours, to our colleagues, in the roads, market places, offices, prisons, hospitals, etc. People they need the good news as well as they need the sound teaching so they would know how to manage their lives. *“When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.” (Mark 6:34)* The crowd needs salvation so we need to tell them about the good news of Jesus. As well as the crowd needs the teaching of the Lord so they can manage and enjoy their lives in the correct way. Paul said to Timothy the following: *“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” (2 Timothy 4:1-2)* We need to be ready with the message, the word of God in our hearts, and be sensitive to The Holy Spirit in what subject He is leading us to speak. Few to several minutes that we may spend with the people or to one person in telling the precise word of God and the message they need in their lives will have great impact and dramatic changes in them toward living a godly life for God.

**3- Open hand attitude to lay hands on the sick and pray for them to be healed:** You meet many people in your daily life who would tell you that they are sick, under medication for a certain disease or you know that they are sick. In that case you don't need to hesitate to lay hand and to pray for them in the name of Jesus to receive healing from Him. God is faithful to His word and as He promised He will fulfilled that as we lay hand on the sick we receive miracles of healing according to His will and riches in Christ our Lord.

**My Dear and Beloved:** To adapt close door attitude and close hand and close mouth attitude without preaching the good news and teaching the Word of God, and without praying for the sick this will not glorified God. In keeping the above mentioned good attitude is fruitful to us, to the lost and to the Lord. Therefore we need to keep the above principles and steps so we will be crowned with success as we agree to pray.

**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that gives me deep understanding and wisdom about good attitude that I need to have in serving you and be fruitful and effective person to help the lost and bring them to you and to disciple them and teaching them your ways so they can live and enjoy fruitful life, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*