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Lesson Ten: Maintaining the Right Thinking

I recently upgraded my phone. There were many new features that I didn't understand. I watched a lot of YouTube videos on how to change the settings. The phone comes with default settings



which it automatically goes to unless you change them. And, that is exactly what we've come to in our final class on *Attitudes of Excellence*. Unless we change the natural default settings in our heart, we will return to the same old way of thinking we have before. The New Testament bears this out in a number of ways:

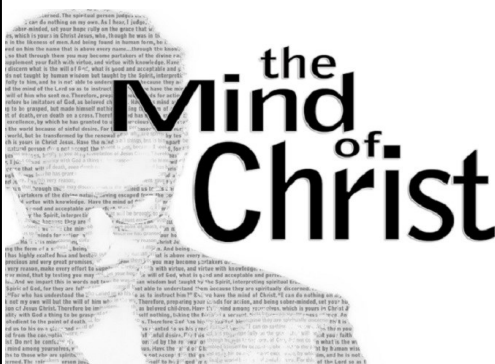
- Rom 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed _____ the renewing of your mind"
- Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who _____, but Christ lives in me"
- 1 Cor 9:26 "I run in such a way, as not without _____"
- Eph 4:22 "that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay _____ the old self..."
- Eph 4:32 "And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."
- Phil 2:5 "Have this _____ in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus"
- Phil 4:5 "Let your gentle spirit be _____ to all men. The Lord is near."
- Phil 4:8 "...let your mind _____ on these things."
- Col 3:2 "_____ your mind on things above"
- Col 3:10 "and have put on the new _____ who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created Him"
- 1 Thes 5:18 in everything give _____

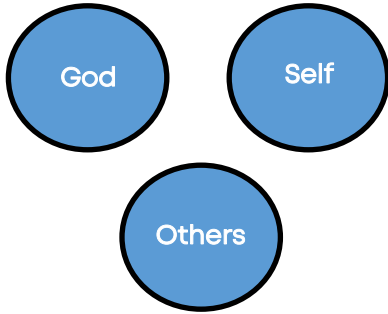
A. The world around us, that includes the culture of today, co-workers, neighbors, family, friends, entertainment world, social media and even brethren, can pull us right back into negative, complaining, selfish thinking.

- It's hard being _____ in a proud and selfish world
- It's hard to be a _____ when some want to sit on the bench
- It's hard to be a _____ when others want to be served

Maintaining the attitude of Christ is going upstream in a swiftly moving downstream world (Phil 2:2).

During a barber convention at a downtown hotel, a drunk was found lying in the alley nearby. To demonstrate how they could change a person, they got him cleaned up, sobered up, shaved, styled his hair, manicured his nails and bought him a new suit of clothes. A photographer came and took photos. The manager of the hotel was so impressed that he offered the man a job. The next morning, he did not show up for work. The barbers went looking for him and found him passed out in the alley. He had sold his new suit to buy cheap booze. He was right back where he was before. Nothing had changed.





The proper attitude in these three spheres is essential to maintaining the Right Thinking that God wants

How does my attitude about God impact how I view self and others?

If my attitude about self is out of alignment, how will that change things?

What Scriptures can we find to support the proper attitude about these three spheres:

Soon after the Civil War, a lady in Lexington, VA showed former confederate General Robert E. Lee the scarred remains of a tree in her yard. All the limbs had been shot off by Federal artillery during a raid. Thinking the General would share her sense of outrage, she was shocked when he told her, Cut it down my dear lady, and forget it."

What are some things that we ought to let go and forget?



- Ways we can Keep Attitudes of Excellence Thriving Within Us:**
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