

### **ATTITUDE DETERMINES ALTITUDE**

*“Do all things without complaining and murmurings.”*  
(Philippians 2:14)

We have learned new language from the space program. I have heard the controllers talking about the “attitude of the capsule”, meaning the pitch of the nose of the space vehicle. This principle can be seen in an airplane. When taking off the nose is pointed upward, when descending the nose is downward.

You see, the attitude of the vehicle determines altitude! Nose up the plane ascends; nose down the plane descends. In Philippians 2:14 Paul is talking about our spiritual attitude. Our spiritual attitude determines our spiritual altitude. Some people, and I must confess that I have met some Christians in this category, go through life with their noses dragging the runway. They just never seem to “take off” for God.

Clement Stone said: "There is a little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative."

I see this in churches - those who approach their work with a positive attitude, without complaining or arguing, accomplish much more, and are happier in the process. You can approach a task with either enthusiasm or drudgery. It doesn't change the task, it changes you.

Charles Swindoll said: "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude in life. Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the past...we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we do is play on the one thing we have, and that is our attitude...We are in charge of our attitudes."

God is not the Author of complaining and murmuring attitudes – the Devil is! Let’s ask the Holy Spirit to enable us to have His attitude about everything. Look up! Lift up your head, “mount up with wings as eagles” (Isaiah 40:31) for attitude determines altitude!

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