

March 5, 2017, Philippians 2:14-18, "Attitude is Everything"

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing; ¹⁵ so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain. ¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. ¹⁸ You too, *I urge you*, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me. Philippians 2:14-18

⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus... Philippians 2:5

"Obedience: Right away, all the way, with a happy heart."

A) **Attitude** of our hearts. (vs. 14)

Grumbling deals with our **emotions**.

Disputing deals with our **intellect**.

1) Grumbling: An **emotional** rejection of God's will.

²² Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah. ²⁴ So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" ²⁵ Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw *it* into the waters, and the waters became sweet. Exodus 15:22-25a

⁸ Moses said, "*This will happen* when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and bread to the full in the morning; for the LORD hears your grumbings which you grumble against Him. And what are we? Your grumbings are not against us but against the LORD." Exodus 16:8

2) Disputing: An **intellectual** rejection of God's will.

¹ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,

² "Who is this that darkens counsel

By words without knowledge?

³ "Now gird up your loins like a man,

And I will ask you, and you instruct Me! Job 38:1-3

¹ Then the LORD said to Job,

² "Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty?

Let him who reproves God answer it." Job 40:1-2

⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell Me, if you have understanding... Job 38:4

¹² "Have you ever in your life commanded the morning,

And caused the dawn to know its place... Job 38:12

¹⁹ "Where is the way to the dwelling of light?

And darkness, where is its place... Job 38:19

¹ Then Job answered the LORD and said,
² "I know that You can do all things,
And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.
³ "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"
Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand,
Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."
⁴ "Hear, now, and I will speak;
I will ask You, and You instruct me."
⁵ "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear;
But now my eye sees You;
⁶ Therefore I retract,
And I repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:1-6

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

***"It doesn't correlate that we should have a joy in our salvation
but a dissatisfaction and discontentment with our Savior."***

B) **Authenticity** of our witness. (vs. 15-16a)

"When we grumble and dispute we cast doubt upon the truth of what we believe and ultimately God Himself."

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

³ Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. Daniel 12:3

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

¹¹ For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death works in us, but life in you. ¹³ But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you. ¹⁵ For all things *are* for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God. ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 2 Corinthians 4:11-16

C) **Areas** of our effort. (vs. 16b-18)

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; ⁸ in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. 2 Timothy 4:6-8

1) His life: run to **win**. (vs.16b)

¹³ Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14

¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:1-3

2) His role: to **sacrifice** and **serve**. (vs. 17)

¹⁷ Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* enemies of the cross of Christ... Philippians 3:17-18

3) Our response: hold **nothing** back.