

**ATTITUDE - LESSON 4**  
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**EPH. 4:23 TLB**

**INTRO:** Having a bad attitude is like having a flat tire. If we don't fix it, we won't get very far. Jonah's bad attitude got him into the belly of a fish. The Israelites bad attitudes kept them out of the land of promise. These, and other Old Testament examples were written to teach us.

**1 COR. 10:11 ESV; ROM. 15:4 ESV**

**FIXING A BAD ATTITUDE**

1.) Take ownership of our attitude

A.) Attitude is a choice. **NUM. 13:30-31** All 12 men faced the same circumstances, but responded differently. Ten had defeated attitudes and two had victorious. God held them each responsible for their own attitude. What's our attitude toward life?

B.) By taking ownership, we take responsibility for our attitude and refuse to allow circumstances or people to make it bad.

2.) Consider the consequences of a bad attitude.

A.) Jonah's bad attitude got him into the belly of a great fish.

B.) Nebuchadnezzar's prideful attitude cost him his kingdom, his position, sanity and all of his possessions.

**DAN. 4:30-33**

C.) Our bad attitude can hurt the people we love, hinder our walk with God and open the door to God's judgment. **NUM. 11:1**

3.) Repent for having a bad attitude.

A.) Once Nebuchadnezzar came to realize that God was the source of his success, God restored all that was taken from him. **DAN. 4:34-37.**

4.) Associate with people possessing positive attitudes.

A.) **PR. 13:20 NLT** We take on the characteristics of those we associate with: wise, foolish or with bad attitudes.

5.) Address the excuses for a bad attitude with the Word.

A.) "I'm having a bad day" **PS. 118:24 ESV; PS. 23:6**

B.) "I have a lot on my mind" **IS. 26:3; HEB. 12:2-3**

C.) "I have troubles at work" **PS. 3:1-4; PS. 46:1**

D.) "No one knows what I've been through" **IS. 43:2 NLT**

6.) Develop an attitude of gratitude

A.) **PS. 89:15-18 NASB**

B.) **PS. 34:1-4**

\* Believers have much to be thankful for. We know the joyful sound, we walk in the light of God's countenance. We rejoice in the Name above all names, our God is the glory of our strength...

\* No matter what life brings our way, we can rejoice in the God of our salvation, knowing He is the glory and lifter of our head.

**Conclusion:**

We can't control how people treat us, but we can control how we treat them. We can't control what people say about us. But we can control what we say about them. We have no control over another person's attitude, but we have full control over ours. If attitude determines altitude, developing the right attitude toward God, marriage, children, work, church and life in general, will enable us to soar above every cloud of adversity life brings our way!