

ATTITUDE – 5
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EPHESIANS 4:23 (TLB)

REVIEW: Fixing a bad attitude.

- Take ownership of our attitude.
- Consider the consequences of a bad attitude.
- Repent for having a bad attitude.
- Associate with people possessing positive attitudes.
- Address the excuses for a bad attitude with the Word.
- Develop an attitude of gratitude.

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1 TIMOTHY 2:1-3

Paul reveals the attitude believers should have toward those who rule over us. Even if we didn't vote for them, even if we don't agree with them, we should pray for them and give thanks for them. By doing so, we:

1. Invite His continual presence to be among them.
 - A. **PSALMS 75:5-7 (NASB)** – Remember Nebuchadnezzar?
 - B. **ROMANS 13:1-3 (NASB)** – God uses governments.
2. Tell God we depend on Him. **2 CHRONICLES 20:10-12**
 - A. Like Jehoshaphat, our eyes are on Him. He is our source for blessing, help, strength and deliverance.
3. Tell God we trust Him. **PSALMS 20:7-8**
 - A. Some trust in military powers, some in political powers, some may rely on intellectual powers, but we are to trust in the name of Jesus and power of the Spirit.
4. Acknowledge He is at work.
 - A. **PSALMS 37:5** – He's working out the details, making a way to execute His plan. We join forces with Him and make a highway for Him to move in our lives and government!

CONCLUSION: Our attitude toward our government and those in authority should be based on what God's Word teaches. It teaches that those who resist authority resist the ordinance of God, which is an authoritative order or decree. This attitude can open the door to judgment. Our attitude should be one of prayer and giving thanks so that God's purposes will be accomplished in our nation and personal lives. **PROVERBS 14:34,**
PSALMS 33:12