

HOW WE OUGHT TO THINK

ROMANS 12:3, PROVERBS 29:23

Text:

Romans 12:3

³ For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Romans 12:10

¹⁰ *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

Proverbs 29:23

²³ A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

Matthew 23:12

¹² And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

James 4:6

⁶ But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Introduction:

Attitude has always a great part in everyone's success and failure in life. Bad attitude hinders our potential to achieve extraordinary accomplishment.

We should always be aware of our attitude. The Bible is a wonderful gift of God and is liken to a mirror in showing us the things that are to be corrected in our lives. Our attitude affects our fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

It also shapes our dealings with other people. The Bible shows us the ways of Truth and guides us to have a well-pleasing attitude toward God.

We are to have a:

1. A HUMBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD

1 Kings 21:27-29

²⁷ And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. ²⁸ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ²⁹ Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

2 Kings 22:11

¹¹ And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

2 Kings 22:19

¹⁹ Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard *thee*, saith the LORD.

A. Toward the Father

Job 1:20-22

²⁰ Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, ²¹ And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. ²² In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

B. Toward the Son

Acts 9:3-6

³ And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: ⁴ And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? ⁵ And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks. ⁶ And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

C. Toward the Spirit

Ephesians 4:30

³⁰ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

2. A GODLY ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WORLD

A. Uncompromising Attitude

Romans 12:1-2

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1 John 2:15

¹⁵ Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

James 4:4

⁴ Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

3. CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD PEOPLE

We must be compassionate to unbelievers.

We must be kind to believers.

Ephesians 4:32

³² And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.