

LEADERSHIP #3

Numbers 13

Attitude

Leaders think and perceive the world differently than followers do. So what makes leaders different? It's not your level of training, abilities, or skills (despite popular opinion). In reality, our leaderships begins and ends with attitude; it effects your vision, shapes your purpose, and determines your outlook.

Attitude → Actions → Accomplishments. So, you want to get things done? Want to make an impact? Want to lead well? Focus on attitude.

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that humans can alter their lives by altering their attitude of mind." - William Lames, a father of modern psychology

"As a man thinks in his heart, so he is." -King Solomon in Proverbs 23:7.

QUESTIONS SET #1-

- 1) Write down the name of a person you respect and admire, then write down why you admire that person.
- 2) Now look at the qualities you wrote down and put them into 3 categories: attitude, ability, and appearance. Can you see how important attitude is?

Your attitude as you begin a task will affect the final outcome more than anything else. Many times, the battles your face are won or lost even before it's begun.

READ Numbers 13:26-33

26 *They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. 28 But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan." 30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it." 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." 32 And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. 33 We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."*

QUESTION SET #2

1- What is your mindset when faced with a difficult task, problem, or unforeseen barrier? Are you confident, full of faith, hope, and optimism? Or are you negative and doubtful of getting results?

2- Do you agree with the statement that the battles we face are often won or lost even before the battle begins? What does that say about the power of your attitude?

Attitudes are contagious. The question: is yours worth catching?

<u>Joshua and Caleb</u>	vs.	<u>The Other Ten Spies</u>
1. Saw the fruit of the land		1. Saw the problems in the land
2. Saw themselves in God's hands		2. Saw themselves as small and weak
3. Were optimistic about the future		3. Always expected the worse from the future
4. Were willing to step out in faith		4. Prevented people from making progress
5. Asked, "Why not?"		5. Asked, "Why?"

It was God's intention to give His people their promised land, but as a result of the negative attitude of the 10 spies, Joshua and Caleb were outvoted and an entire generation of people never caught a glimpse of it. Your attitude as a leader can limit God.

QUESTION SET #3-

- 1- What is my usual attitude before trying something new?
- 2- Are there certain new experiences that make me feel negative?
- 3- Does my attitude help or hinder my success with God, family or ministry?

4- Do you identify with Joshua and Caleb or the ten spies? Have you ever let what the situation looks like dishearten you or cause you not to act?

5- How does it make you feel that your attitude has the ability to derail God's plan for your life? Do you feel the weight of that? How does that statement challenge you?

What's more important in leaders (and the people on their teams)? Is it attitude or aptitude? I say attitude.

1. It's easier to train aptitude than attitude.
2. Attitude can impact overall performance.
3. The right attitude can overcome obstacles.