

Attitude

*“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.
Attitude, to me, is more important than facts.*

*It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances,
than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do.
It is more important than appearances, giftedness, or skill.
It will make or break a company, a church, a home.*

*The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.
We cannot change our past ...we cannot change the fact that people will act a certain way.
We cannot change the inevitable.*

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.

*I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.
And so it is with you, we are in charge of our Attitudes.”*

Charles Swindoll

There is a story about General Craton Abrams at the Battle of the Bulge in World War II addressing his officers concerning the serious situation they were in. I can't say that it is totally fact, or if the story has been embellished over the decades since that great battle. But I can tell you it personifies having a great attitude. This is how the story goes.

“Gentlemen we have a slight problem. We're surrounded by the Nazi's on our North, South, East, and West fronts.” His men said, ***“Oh no general, what does this mean?”*** The General said, ***“It means we can attack them in any direction. Go back and tell your men to point their guns out and shoot. They are bound to hit something.”***

Now that's my kind of General. What would you rather he had said; ***“It means we're all dead in about 12 hours.”*** That's not what I want to hear. That's not the type General I want to be with. Your attitude may be influenced by others, but it is only controlled by you. To paraphrase Mr. Swindoll; **YOU ARE IN CHARGE.**

**It was a chilly, overcast day when the horseman spied the little sparrow
lying on its back in the middle of the road.
Reining in his mount, he looked down and inquired of the little creature,
“Why are you lying upside down like that?” “I heard the sky is going to fall today,” replied the bird.
The horseman laughed. “And I suppose your spindly little legs can hold up the sky?”
“One does what one can,” said the little sparrow.**

Anon.

Now that's a great attitude!