**Attitudes of a Christian PART 3**

In this part 3 of our lesson called “Attitudes of a Christian” we want to talk about some attitudes that may seem to be odds with one another, but with God’s help we can accomplish.

8. Patient and Longsuffering **(Romans 2:7, 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Galatians 5:22-25, Ephesians 4:1-3, Colossians 1:8-14, 1 Thessalonians 5:14, 2 Timothy 3:10-12, 4:2, 2:22-26):** We have many passages that remind us of the immense patience and longsuffering that God gives to His children. The passages we have just read remind us that we Christians are also to maintain these attitudes in our daily lives. Being patient and longsuffering is a challenge sometimes. It seems to be hardest to show these attitudes with those we are closest to. Maybe we expect more of them than we do others and we are not willing to be as patient and longsuffering as we should be. As Paul reminds Timothy, being patient and longsuffering can lead to helping others escape the snare of the devil.

9. Compassionate, Tenderhearted, and Kind **(1 Peter 3:8-9, Luke 6:35, Ephesians 4:32):** The Blue Letter Greek Lexicon defines the Greek word for “**kind**” as “**fit, fit for use, useful, virtuous, good, manageable, mild, pleasant, kind, benevolent**”. This same word “**kind**” in **Luke 6:35** and **Ephesians 4:32** is translated “**easy**” in **Matthew 11:30** with regard to the yoke the Lord has for His children, “**good**” as opposed to evil in **1 Corinthians 15:33**, and “**the goodness of God**” in **Romans 2:4**.

The Greek word for “**tenderhearted**” could also be translated as “**having strong bowels**” or “**compassionate**”.

What all this tells me is that the Lord knows what our perfect yoke is. That yoke includes showing goodness to an evil world. And that goodness will require us to have an attitude of compassion, kindness, and tenderheartedness, even to those who may not deserve it. My mother in law has been a great example to me. Even when people have done things that hurt her deeply, she always has a tenderhearted and kind attitude to them all.

10. Bold and Confident **(Acts 4:29-31, 26:24-29, 28:30-31, 2 Corinthians 5:6-8, 10:1-2, Hebrews 4:16, 10:35-39, 13:6, 1 John 5:14):** We can see that Christians are to be very bold and confident about spreading of the gospel of Jesus and in approaching our Father in prayer. We can also see that we are expected to be bold and confident while also being patient, kind, and humble!

**How about you Christians here this morning?** **Can you with boldness and confidence say that you are shining the attitudes of Jesus in your life (Matthew 5:13-16)?**

**For those who are not Christians; do you feel confident if you were to face the Lord today?** We can help you to become bold, confident, and humble in your life as a Christian. Believe in the Lord, submit to Him completely, confess that He is the Son of God, turn away from your sins, and be immersed in water to wash away your sins. You can leave this building this morning confident that you are headed to an eternal home in Heaven! Won’t you come now as we stand and sing!