

**Psalms 25:14 MSG** "God-friendship is for God-worshippers; they are the ones he confides in."

Focus on Jesus, be a Worshipper and God will do the CONFIDING.

**Let HIS Word Uplift and Help us.**

**Ephesians 1:17-18 TPT** "I pray that the Father of glory, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would impart to you the riches of the Spirit of wisdom and the Spirit of revelation to know him through your deepening intimacy with him. v18 I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of his calling—that is, the wealth of God's glorious inheritances that he finds in us, his holy ones!"

🔥 We want to move beyond just reading the Bible to Intimacy with Jesus, that will set us on the path of experiencing all He has for us in our lives, individually and as a Local Church!

**Proverbs 4:23 MSG** "Keep vigilant watch over your heart; that's where life starts."

**As we allow JESUS TO HELP US Guard our Heart, we can eliminate things that hinder His light from shining brightly and clearly!**

**G-U-A-R-D**

The **G** - Guard, is **Grace**

The **U** - Guard is for **Understanding**

The **A** - Guard is for **Attitude**

Not only does each ATTITUDE start with the word, BLESSED, it ends with a SECRET or a Promise!

1. **(6)** An Attitude "**I want to be Pure**"

It's being who you really are...it's about becoming the real deal.

Yes, it includes Growing in Holiness (it's very important); it's walking away from things in life that are sinful and harmful.

But that usually happens when you are able to be Authentic in Christ.

**Matthew 5:8 NKJV** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

It's having the Attitude, I'm never planning to quit being a Christ Follower!

AT THIS MOMENT I'M BEING THE BEST ME I CAN BE

I will keep trusting, until I overcome temptation and walk in Victory!

The result of this Positive Attitude is we begin to SEE GOD...and so other's will see Him "Through You"

2. **(7)** An Attitude of "**I'm a "Peacemaker"**"

We've recently learnt how important it is to KEEP our PEACE; we do this by making it into an



ATTITUDE that takes it to the next LEVEL: being a PEACEMAKER.

**Matthew 5:9 NKJV** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

It's POWERFUL, when God's Children actively pursue behaviour that PROMOTES PEACE.

We can and should be BRIDGE-BUILDERS not demolition specialists.

Start with yourself and the things that have happened in your past

Grow it outward from there by learning to do it in your close relationships

Then in your workplace and so on...

### 3. (8) An Attitude “**I not afraid of Persecution**”

Persecute: to harass, tease, make fun of, mistreat or trouble someone and criticize.

There's no coincidence that Jesus left this one for last, I really believe it's because you are not ready or able to build this Attitude if you haven't taken time to develop these other slightly easier ones!

**Matthew 5:10 NKJV** Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Persecution is the most painful thing but also the most rewarding and helpful!

In Acts the reason the Gospel spread outside of Jerusalem was because of “Persecution” - it lead to spiritual maturity and the Gospel being spread throughout the known world!

Persecution has the potential to do the most harm, but when met with in God's Love, with Godly Perspective, this Attitude brings great Blessing and Breakthrough!

**Mark 10:29-30 NKJV** “So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, v30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time— houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.”

When God is using us and we consistently stand for and do the right thing, it will get in the face of other peoples.

We will face persecution for the Word's sake.

Now some face persecution for doing the wrong things, it's not referring to that at all (Jesus was clear, we will see an example of what that can lead to)

If we are going to Stand on His Word, we must be willing to stand up for God's Word.

So when persecution comes and people lie about you or try and defame you, keep guarding your heart, allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen you, pray for them, don't start defending yourself and your stand and return the criticism, allow room for God to do His work!

**Corinthians 4:8-9 NKJV** “We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed —”

**R – Reflection**



**2 Corinthians 13:5-6 NKJV** "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified. But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified."

### **D - Diligent (Determined)**

**Proverbs 4:23 NKJV** "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life."

**1 Samuel 25:2-11 NKJV** "Now there was a man in Maon whose business was in Carmel, and the man was very rich. He had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. The name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. And she was a woman of good understanding and beautiful appearance; but the man was harsh and evil in his doings. He was of the house of Caleb. When David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep, David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. And thus you shall say to him who lives in prosperity: 'Peace be to you, peace to your house, and peace to all that you have! Now I have heard that you have shearers. Your shepherds were with us, and we did not hurt them, nor was there anything missing from them all the while they were in Carmel. Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your eyes, for we come on a feast day. Please give whatever comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David.' " So when David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of David, and waited. Then Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants nowadays who break away each one from his master. Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men when I do not know where they are from?"

**1 Samuel 25:13-15 NKJV** "Then David said to his men, "Every man gird on his sword." So every man girded on his sword, and David also girded on his sword. And about four hundred men went with David, and two hundred stayed with the supplies. Now one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Look, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master; and he reviled them. But the men were very good to us, and we were not hurt, nor did we miss anything as long as we accompanied them, when we were in the fields.

**1 Samuel 25:17-37 NKJV** Now therefore, know and consider what you will do, for harm is determined against our master and against all his household. For he is such a scoundrel that one cannot speak to him." Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys. And she said to her servants, "Go on before me; see, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. So it was, as she rode on the donkey, that she went down under cover of the hill; and there were David and his men, coming down toward her, and she met them. Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belongs to him. And he has repaid me evil for good. May God do so, and more also, to the enemies of David, if I leave one male of all who belong to him by morning light." Now when Abigail saw David, she dismounted quickly from the donkey, fell on her face



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before David, and bowed down to the ground. So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be! And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant. Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with him! But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent. Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, since the LORD has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now then, let your enemies and those who seek harm for my lord be as Nabal. And now this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord. Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. For the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil is not found in you throughout your days. Yet a man has risen to pursue you and seek your life, but the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, as from the pocket of a sling. And it shall come to pass, when the LORD has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel, that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the LORD has dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant." Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! And blessed is your advice and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand. For indeed, as the LORD God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!" So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person." Now Abigail went to Nabal, and there he was, holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; therefore she told him nothing, little or much, until morning light. So it was, in the morning, when the wine had gone from Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became like a stone."

## **TWO BONUS ATTITUDES:**

A. **Always AIM to be a GOD-Pleaser and not a MAN-Pleaser.**

**Galatians 1:10 NKJV** "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ."

B. **Be an "EXTRA MILER"**

Be a two miler

**Matthew 5:41 NKJV** "And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two."

If you want to GUARD YOUR HEART AND be BLESSED develop GOOD ATTITUDES!

**SALVATION PRAYER:** (Romans 10:8-10) Father God, Thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for my sin, I Believe in Jesus today and invite Him into my heart, I receive Your forgiveness, Thank You God for saving me.



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