

FROM THE WORD --

ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE

Let us look carefully at these two words -- very similar, but with different meanings. The dictionary explains them as this --

ATTITUDE -- A way of acting, thinking, or feeling -- one's disposition.

GRATITUDE -- A feeling of thankful appreciation for favors received.

Putting them together, as in our title, we can conclude that it refers to our positive thoughts of appreciation for an act of kindness or favor received.

How often do we verbalize our feelings when an act of kindness is expressed in one way or another? It may be as little as someone holding a door for us, when someone allows us to go ahead of them in a line, or when we realize that it is not our position to take the lead in a matter.

We all have busy schedules and have a lot to accomplish each day -- things that must be done in an allotted time -- things that have been prioritized in our thinking and planning.

How about our relationship with God the Father, and Jesus Christ the Son -- do we express our gratitude in verbal praise or a silent prayer? Do we acknowledge the Lord as the provider of the food we eat, as the sustainer of our very lives?

Have you ever given serious thought to your body, heart, digestive system, the flow of blood through miles of small veins throughout our arms, legs, hands, and feet? Have you ever seriously considered the miracle of your eyesight or your hearing, all the minute parts that must perfectly function together to give us our senses?

You know, when we really give it serious thought, we have to realize that we are very dependent on the God who created us and keeps us going -- without Him can you imagine the mess we would be in?

Every day we should be in an "Attitude of Gratitude" for all He does for us. Thankfulness and appreciation should be the norm of our very existence.

Look out the window and appreciate everything you see -- the green grass, the beautiful flowers, the wild-life passing by on their way to find food, the glorious blue sky and formations of multicolored clouds.

We are so prone to thinking or voicing a grumbled complaint about the weather, about our jobs, our lack of money, our often illnesses -- and yet, simply look around and you will find someone who has far less than you and I.

Our country is far from being perfect -- and yet we enjoy all the benefits that come from being citizens of the USA. We have freedom, protection, the documents that protect our free speech, freedom to worship, freedom to move and travel wherever we want -- whenever you think of

these items, give an "Attitude of Gratitude" to God who provides it all, and make use of what we do have.

We are told in Ephesians 5:20, "Give thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" -- and also in 2 Corinthians 9:15, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift."

Let us always fill our Attitude with Gratitude and give God the Glory for the great things He has done.

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