



### HOME RUN Devotional #27 – ATTITUDE

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**Verse for Today:** Philippians 2:3-5 (NLT) **3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. 5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.!**

Several years ago I was at a Bible quiz tournament with some of our students. One of our students was doing exceptionally well because he had studied and knew the material. When the opposing team would answer, this student would challenge the answer if it wasn't correct. I'll be honest, if I was on the opposing team, it would be frustrating. However, that is part of the competition, and it happened to our team as well. During one particular tough match, a spectator from another team would cough in order to distract our student every time he buzzed in to answer a question. It became very frustrating and at one point when our student challenged an answer and was denied the challenge, the spectator cheered. That was the final straw for me. The spectator had a terrible attitude and mine deteriorated to the point that I had to walk out to regain my composure. Through all of that I had to remember that **"MY ATTITUDE IS MY CHOICE!"**

John Maxwell says, "Successful people don't have fewer problems than unsuccessful people, they just have a different mindset." Our attitude is a big difference maker in life. ***If I want to win results, I need to focus on having a positive attitude no matter what may come my way.*** This isn't always easy to do, but in the long run, you will be a better person for choosing to have a positive attitude!

**Question for today:** Are you encouraging others on by your actions, attitude, and words? If not, what can you do today to adjust (choose) your attitude?

**Other Verses to look up:** Philippians 4:8-9, Ephesians 4:26, James 1:19, Ephesians 4:31, Hebrews 11:13-16

#### Prayer for this week:

Dear Jesus, Thank you for TODAY, this moment you have given me! Help me to let go of anything in my life that distracts me from you. Forgive me of my sins and help me to be attentive to you and attentive to others! At the end of the day, help me to have fallen deeper in love with you and use me to influence others.

Today I want to live for YOU and not my career! Help me to trust in YOU, work for You, and realize that You are my provider. Help me to focus my eyes on you and NOT the things of this world!

I specifically ask that there will be breakthroughs in my life, my family, and my church! May I prepare each day this week and look with anticipation to gathering together with other believers on Sunday! I pray for Scout Sunday (2/28) that lives will be transformed and you will be honored.

May I be the person You want me to be, and may our church be the church You want us to be. Let change begin in my heart and flow over to my home, my church, and my community!