

## In the Word for 08/04/19

### HOW'S YOUR ATTITUDE?

1. Tell yourself over and over that since you are not perfect, you would not fit into a perfect congregation, if one existed (do not be surprised – Oak Grove is not a perfect congregation, but a congregation striving to lift Jesus high in all we do). Romans 3: 23: “for all have \_\_\_\_\_ and fall \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God.”
2. Instead of picking out the worldly members to point to, pick out the sincere, dedicated, spiritual members and thank God for them. You will find what you seek. Rev. 3: 4: To the church at Sardis, Jesus said, “Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not \_\_\_\_\_ their clothes. They will WALK with me, dressed in white, for they are \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. If you are old, treat the young with the consideration you desired as a young person. If you are young, treat adults with the respect you will want when you are mature. 1 Tim. 5: 1-2: “Do not rebuke an older man \_\_\_\_\_, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as \_\_\_\_\_, older women as \_\_\_\_\_, and younger women as \_\_\_\_\_, with absolute \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. When you are tempted to criticize others, be sure to pray earnestly for them first. This may not change them but it will do wonders for your attitude. Matt. 5: 43-44: “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your \_\_\_\_\_ and hate your \_\_\_\_\_.’ But I tell you: \_\_\_\_\_ your enemies and \_\_\_\_\_ for those who persecute you.”
5. When you see a work neglected, instead of being critical, offer to help. Matt. 7:3: “Why do you look at the \_\_\_\_\_ of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the \_\_\_\_\_ in your own eye?”
6. Remind yourself every day that the only way you can improve the world or the church (the Oak Grove congregation) is to begin with self. 1 Peter 3: 8: “Finally, all of you, live in \_\_\_\_\_ with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”
7. Consciously look for the good in every brother or sister and make a mental note of the good points each possesses. Matt. 22: 39: “...love your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.”
8. Every church (congregation) has problems. Constantly ask yourself, “Am I a part of the problem or am I a part of the solution? Gal. 6: 1b-2: “...but watch \_\_\_\_\_, or you also may be \_\_\_\_\_. Carry each other’s \_\_\_\_\_, and in this way you will \_\_\_\_\_ the law of Christ.”