

**Organized For The Task**  
**Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 4:8**  
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*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

**Romans 12:1-2**

*Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.*

**Philippians 4:8**

Before we can be “organized for the task” as a Church, we must be on the same page.

Right **thinking** + Right **attitude** is key.

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes.” ~ **Charles R. Swindoll**

“It only takes 2 in a crowd of 20 with wrong attitudes to ruin it for the rest.” ~ **Jay McSwain**

Right thinking + right attitude = right **actions**

“Guard your thought and there will be little fear about your actions.” ~ **J.C. Ryle**

Right thinking + right attitude = being saved from many **regrets**.

Right thinking + right attitude = being Holy Spirit **directed**.

I have right thinking and right attitude by spending time with Jesus. I desire to let Jesus control me. Remember we are to love God, love others and make disciples. It starts though with my time with the Lord.

**I must have the right attitude + right thinking about:**

**1) Myself**

As an unbeliever, I was an enemy of God. (Colossians 1:21 and Romans 5:10)

There is no good in me at all. (Romans 7:18)

I have nothing to **offer** God on my own.

Left to myself and own devices, I will **mess** it up.

## 2) My relationship with the Lord

What happened to me?

I have a changed identity.

I must walk with Jesus daily.

God forgives; He is merciful and graceful. (Romans 6)

## 3) About my family

They are a gift from God.

Married = Godly marriage, single with kids, single, married no kids, kids and teens.

*And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.* **Ephesians 6:4**

## 4) About my Church

*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup> Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.* **Ephesians 5:22-24**

This is God's Church; we are to steward it. How are you and I doing?

To put down, mock and ridicule God's Church is to put down the Bride of Christ. Rather, when we see things that need to be addressed, have concerns or issues, we should first pray and then get direction from the Lord.

There is not a perfect Church, only a perfect Savior.

## 5) About my community (world)

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me<sup>[a]</sup> in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.* **Acts 1:8**

In order to be organized for the task, we first must have a right attitude and right thinking. How is your attitude? How is your thinking? Does it need some Godly attention?

### Prayer Focus:

**Ask, "How is my attitude and thinking as of late?" "Does it need some attention and changing?"**

**What actions will I take to have a right attitude and actions?**

**Repent from cursing the darkness and instead shine the light.**

**Take some time to memorize Philippians 4:8 and Romans 12:1-2**