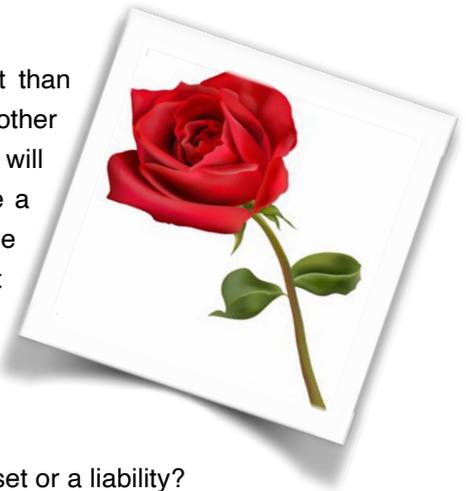


# A Winning Attitude

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Attitude can be one of your greatest assets. Ultimately, your attitude is your choice. Negative people, negative circumstances or negative situations should not control your attitude. It is up to you to choose your attitude. That is one great power that God has giving to all of us as human beings. I will like to use the story of Rebecca before she became the wife of Isaac to bring home this message. The book of Gen 24:12-21 spoke about the journey of Abraham's servant in search of a wife for Isaac. God answered his prayers and ordered his steps. Verse 22 reads And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold. That was a beautiful story of a winning attitude. She won the heart of God and the heart of Abraham's servant, by her zeal, love, grace, hard work and poise. She may have decided to say no to whoever asked her to go to the well that day, and so be in the wrong place at the wrong time. But she choose to do the right thing.

Chuck Swindoll, in his poem on attitude describes this virtue as "more important than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a home, a church, or a company. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We can not change our past. We can not change the fact that people act in a certain way. We can not change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the 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 with you. We are in charge of our attitude".



The question I will like to ask our reader is this; Is your CURRENT ATTITUDE an asset or a liability?

I want you to take a moment and reflect on that. You see, your certificates will get you a very good job, but what will keep you in that job is your GRACEFUL ATTITUDE. Also, if you work very hard, you will be promoted, but what will keep you in that post and make you fulfilled in life is a WINSOME ATTITUDE. How can you have it? Take a moment and reflect on your life, your relationship with people, and ask yourself if and why people find you repulsive. Is it a general and recurring trend everywhere you go? Things like pride, anger, stubbornness, intolerance, talkativeness, lying, deception, and laziness may make the list of things that people find repulsive in you. If you genuinely wish to turn the tide, you can go to God in prayer and confess these vices to Him. Ask Him to forgive you and walk you through to a change.

You can become like Rebecca in your family, office and in your church. You don't have to carnally create kindness, harmony, connectivity, and humility. This is where you arrived after being genuinely saved. A winning attitude will come naturally as you keep at it. Gen 24:21 reads, And the man wondering at her held his peace. People will wonder at you and conclude, *this is indeed a Christian*.