

THIS WEEK AT

DALBY BAPTIST

28 June 2020

PASTOR'S BLOG

Hi everyone,

In the message today from Philippians 2, we'll be looking at an attitude or mindset that pleases God. Attitude is everything. "Attitude is altitude" – that's a phrase I like to use because *when it's good and right and positive* our attitude will pick us up when we're down and even lift us up to the heights, or else it will drag us down *when it's not*.

Our attitude or mindset is an internal thinking/feeling process that governs our behaviour and therefore, as Christians, our witness as well. When the *internal* part (our heart and mind) is good and godly, the *external* part that flows from it (our speech and behaviour) will also be good and godly. Likewise, when our attitude and mindset are bad or wicked, then so will be our tongue and our actions.

Jesus taught this principle using a number of different analogies—like 'The Tree and Its Fruit' in Luke 6:43-45.

"A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

Just as the tree "produces" after its own kind (what it *inherently is* at its core), so people "produce" or perform or conduct themselves according to what's in *their heart* (which is the core of our personhood). Our speech and our behaviour (which for Christians is also our witness) flows from what is in our hearts. Some translations say "For out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks".

That's why it's so important to have a 'Christ-like' attitude and mindset. We cannot live the Christian life without it. Without Christ's presence in our hearts changing the way we think and respond, our behaviour will only ever reflect our own carnal thoughts and feelings.

The key to "producing good fruit" and being "a good person [who] produces good things from the treasury of a good heart" is to *give up!* – give up trying to produce those things yourself. Surrender to Christ and allow Him to do it. The key to a victorious Christian life is ***don't just live for Christ, let Christ live through you!***

May His attitude and mindset be yours in increasing measure. God bless.

Pastor Rob

PRAYER POINTS

If you know of anyone who is sick or entering hospital, please let the Church Office know.

- Jenny Taylor has been given a date for her back surgery—July 20. Please be in prayer that it will be able to proceed as scheduled, and not be postponed again.
- Pray for Don and Jan Pedler as they begin their new adventure in Toowoomba.

If you would like to join the DBC Prayer Ministry, please contact one of the pastors.

CHURCH SURVEY

There is still time for you to have your say about what the church reopening may look like.

We ask that all surveys are completed and submitted by the end of the week, so we can begin to make plans on how to move forward (assuming the government covid regulations will move to stage 3 in July).

There are three methods for you to complete the survey.

1. **Online Survey (preferred method)** - <https://forms.gle/Jvm7Wd3jvFcyHe9g8>
2. **Hardcopy Survey** - These are to be filled in and returned to the office. If you would like a hardcopy paper survey, please contact the office.
3. **PDF Digital Form** - If you would like a digital form, contact the office. You can fill in the attached PDF on your computer. Save the completed form, then email it back to the office at office@dalbybaptist.org

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey. We are receiving good responses and appreciate you taking the time and effort to complete it honestly.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Don and Jan Pedler have sold their house in Dalby and have moved to Toowoomba to be closer to their daughter, Annette.

Their new address is:

99/303 Spring Street, Kearneys Spring 4350.

JULY/AUGUST READING BOOKMARKS

We're nearly at July, which means that there will be a new bookmark for your daily Bible readings through the New Testament.

If you would like a paper hardcopy of the readings, please contact the office and we will ensure you get one (or two if you need them).