

Church School

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AN ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

With 2018 upon us and in full effect, have you thought about what are your expectations for this New Year? Have you thought about what do you want to see happen for you and your family in 2018?

- Maybe you want to buy a new car or house this year...
- Maybe you want to get a promotion or new job in 2018...
- Maybe you just want to be like most people and lose weight, and be healthier...

All of these proclamations are wonderful and needed; however, they are all premature to this one question:

“WHAT DOES GOD EXPECT FROM YOU IN 2018?”

This morning, God is not looking for something physical from you. He is not looking for an outward result of a tangible product; however, what God is expecting is a change of attitude. As God has proclaimed, **“This is the year of the Comeback!”** But the comeback must originate from an attitude adjustment.

- Attitude - a settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior.

Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies (mind, attitude and heart) a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world (the old you, 2017, your past), but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

This year, God is expecting the biggest change out of our lives is through the renewing that takes place in our minds.

- Do you realize that nothing changed from December 31st 2017 to January 1st 2018 is the date!
- Did any of you wake up on Jan 1st in a new house? Did any of you wake up in Jan 1st with a new job?

Nothing changes on the outside until something changes on the inside!!

So what's going to make 2018 so special? It's our attitude change! It's in how we think, how we perceive, and how we react. Again, God has already declared that this is the year of the comeback. Thus, a comeback must start by "coming back" to the knowledge of how you were designed, destined, and assigned to think!

Proverbs 23:7

"For as he thinks within himself, so he is..."

Victory doesn't happen to us, it happens in us.

The attitude and mind to win!

Do you realize that we are not measured in life by what happens to us? We are not judged by the ups and downs of life. We do not get credit in seasons where our lives are riding on cloud 9. Nor are we tarnished by the pitfalls and circumstances we face from time to time. God measures our faith and moves on our behavior not by the circumstances we face, but by our attitudes when we face them!

- **When you face a crisis in 2018, what will be your attitude?**

Unfortunately, many of us live a life of defeat already before we even get knocked down. What's even worse is that once we fall, we listen to Satan's message confirming that we are not worthy of God's blessing. Please understand that as long as you listen to it, you will never be worthy.

- No boxer willing to stay on the mat when knocked down is ever worthy of a title belt!

Why do you think defeat/losing is important? Why would God allow His sons and daughters to lose?

The only place defeat has power is in your mind/attitude.

There is no other place that defeat has the power to be permanent. How quickly are you defeated in your mind when things don't go as planned? How quickly do you lose faith in God when time prolongs your answered prayer?

This year God is saying do not allow any circumstance to change your attitude toward what God has promised you!

This week's challenge:

Start each day of this week reciting these scriptures:

Romans 8:28-31(NKJV)

"And we know that ALL things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, WHO can be against us?"

Romans 8:33-35(NKJV)

"WHO shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. WHO is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also RISEN, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. WHO shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

Romans 8:37-39(NKJV)

"Yet in all these things we are MORE THAN CONQUERORS through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

See yourself changing. See your mind and attitude adjusting to that of a conqueror and an over-winner.