

## **“A Winner’s Attitude of Encouragement”**

### ***Romans 1:8-13***

**A good attitude comes from the Word of God in the soul and a bad attitude comes from rejection of truth.**

**The concept of psychosomatics states that any mental attitude of fear, worry or anxiety — any continuous mental tension — will eventually overflow and affect the body.**

**When the soul of the believer receives divine viewpoint through Bible teaching, the result is inner peace, a relaxed mental attitude, stability and inner happiness.**

**We often forget that action is based on mental attitude.**

**All the time that David was engaged in an action, he was not simply doing — he was thinking!**

**David had the Word of God in his soul and as a result, he had the right mental attitude — the divine viewpoint of life.**

**If you have truth in your heart, you will be consistent as David; for in every situation, he remained faithfully committed.**

**David saw an unbeliever rather than a powerful giant.**

**This was the first expression of divine viewpoint in Israel that day.**

**In this magnificent declaration, is one of the greatest principles in the Christian life:  
**THE BATTLE IS THE LORD’S!****

**The action of the story is well known, but before there was any action, there was a mental attitude based on Bible truth.**

**Paul is expressing thanksgiving for some people he has never seen.**

**All genuine thanksgiving must be related to God.**

**All prayer goes through Jesus Christ, our High Priest.**

**Paul constantly places emphasis on thanksgiving in prayer.**

**There is something to celebrate when people are positive toward God’s truth.**

**By our initial adjustment to the justice of God at the cross, God the Father owns each one of us and we are His slaves.**

**Paul is producing the action here as a mature believer, but all of us are to produce the action of service.**

**Learning and applying the Word is the means of making maturity adjustment to the justice of God and the storage of and processing of truth occurs in the human spirit.**

**We have a witness in a legal sense, the perfect witness, for God the Father who sits on the supreme court of Heaven is the witness to the operation of every believer, whether he adjusts to the justice of God or not.**

**And Paul remembers them whenever he starts to pray!**

**Paul uses prayer for what it is; one of the greatest weapons that God ever put in our hands, which when used properly has fantastic power.**

**When God becomes familiar to you personally, then you become familiar with His plan.**

**You study yourself into His plan and therefore nothing can disturb you, because you know God personally.**

**It means something freely, graciously given in reference to the gift of communication, or teaching, which Paul possessed as an apostle.**

**No one ever used the teaching gift as did the apostle Paul.**

**The believer receives maturity adjustment to the justice of God through his consistent positive attitude toward the teaching of Bible truth.**

**God raises up pastors and teachers wherever there is positive attitude in the land.**

**Paul is encouraged as the Romans begin to gain spiritual momentum from his teaching and advance to spiritual maturity.**

**As the congregation begins to listen and to put it together, it becomes an encouragement to the pastor to do an even more detailed job and to get deeper and deeper into the Word.**

**While the Romans had demonstrated a great interest in the Word and their faith is famous, they still had some room for improvement.**

**Without the teaching of the Word, there is no production, no spiritual growth and no spiritual momentum;**

***“among you”***

**When you have a choice to make between the Word and how you feel, never go by how you feel.**

**Israel was God’s priest nation from the time of Moses until the crucifixion of Christ.**