More time spent with fewer people leads to greater lasting impact for the Kingdom of God.

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Study Series

Heart Attitudes
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The Heart:  The cockpit of our life.
Heart Attitude:  A chosen mental/emotional preset that shows up in actions.

These seven Heart Attitudes form the core of how to work rightly in and with a group. All are commands in the Scriptures.

#1. Put the goals and interests of others above my own.

Philippians 2:3-5, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”

Read John 13:34-35 and 1 John 3:16.
How did Christ demonstrate his love for us?

How should we demonstrate our love for others?

#2. Live an honest, open life before others.

Ephesians 4:25, “Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.”

2 Chronicles 19:17a, “I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity.”

The key:  The inside should reasonably match the outside.

We respect privacy, but even in private areas tough questions can be asked as needed.

Read Psalm 101:3.
What’s the standard of purity and integrity established in this verse?
What examples should we follow in these verses?

#3. Give and receive Scriptural correction.

Ephesians 4:15, “Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is Christ.”

Proverbs 27:5-6, “Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses

Hebrews 3:12-13. “See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”

Who is responsible for protecting other believers from falling into sin?

We all have a referee’s whistle in our hands and can blow it when things go out of bounds. And we all need to listen when the whistle is blown.

We want an atmosphere of 90% encouragement and 10% rebuke.

Read Hebrews 10:24-25.
Who is responsible for spurring on other believers?

What is the value of consistently meeting together with other believers?

#4. Clear up relationships.

Matthew 5:23-24, “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.”

Interpersonal offenses are common. What is the best thing to do if someone has something against you?

Acts 24:16, “So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.”

Ps 133:1 How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!
#5. Participate in the ministry.

1 Corinthians 12:7, “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the **common good.**”

1 Peter 4:10-11, “Each one should **use** whatever gift he has received to **serve others**, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that **in all things** God may be praised through Jesus Christ.”

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12.
What are the expectations placed on those who are part of a fellowship of believers? __________

#6. Support the work financially.

Galatians 6:6, “Anyone who **receives** instruction in the word must **share** all good things with his instructor.”

2 Chronicles 31:4, “He **ordered** the people living in Jerusalem to **give** the portion due the priests and Levites so they could devote themselves to the Law of the Lord.”

Read 2 Corinthians 8:7-11.
The generosity of the believer is to be balanced in excellence along with other disciplines. (See 8:7) What are the reasons Paul gives for expecting the believers in Corinth to be generous? __________

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Giving to Collegiate Missions through Christian Challenge is a priority in our ministry. In what way do you need to ‘excel in the grace of giving’ through this opportunity? __________

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#7. Follow spiritual leadership within Scriptural limits.

Hebrews 13:17, “**Obey** your leaders and **submit** to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an **account**. Obey them so that their work will be a **joy**, not a burden, for that would be of no **advantage** to you.”

1 Peter 5:5-7, “Young men, in the same way be **submissive** to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with **humility** toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’ **Humble yourselves**, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may **lift** you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he **cares** for you.”

Trusting your leaders is an example of trusting in God. How is this true? ________________________

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