

# WHAT YOUR ATTITUDE WILL DO FOR YOU BY REV CHRIS OYAKHILOME

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**TITLE: ATTITUDE BY PASTOR CHRIS OYAKHILOME** I want us to look at a few verses of scripture in the bible. There are certain things in the bible that define your personality, your fulfilment and your work. Your attitude is very important, somebody said years ago, attitude the way to altitude. Good rhyme. Your attitude, your way of doing things, your way of saying what you want to say. We can say something that is right with the wrong attitude and that destroys the right thing that we said. A lot of people in life are not necessarily doing something wrong or saying something wrong but they just have a bad attitude. A lot of times we hear wrongly, not because what was said was wrong but we had the wrong attitude in listening. Did you know that one of the reasons certain people take one step forward and two steps backward then some other times everything seems to be alright but spiritually they are not fulfilled? The wrong attitude. The problem is, a lot of people who have the wrong attitude hardly discover that they have the wrong attitude, so they blame everyone else around them for the things that go wrong about them. They think someone is responsible and no one is responsible, they just have the wrong attitude. Your attitude can define your personality; it can define your fulfilment. Do you know that there are people who are not fulfilled? They are not fulfilled at home, they are not fulfilled in their family, it looks like they are in the wrong house, some fill that they are in the wrong family; they'll say I should have never been borne in this family. They've got the wrong attitude but don't realise it. They think everyone is the problem, same thing at work. They journey from one company to another, from one organisation to another. They just can't be somewhere. Why? They've got the wrong attitude but don't know it. They always see their wasted years, their wasted time. They'll say I wasted my years in Chevron, I wasted my years in Mobil, I wasted my years in the Federal Government, I wasted my years in the Ministry of Education, they've wasted their years everywhere. That's the way they think, they felt it was someone else who didn't discover their greatness. You see, so they know they are valuable but why can't anybody discover your value? because chances are, you've got the wrong attitude. There is so much to learn from Jesus. Many times in your life when you want to make progress find out about the masters attitude and find out those whom Jesus praised. Did Jesus praise anybody? Why did he praise the ones he praised? You can read some more, study through the Old Testament as well and

**find out those whom God praised. Why did he praise them? What was peculiar to them? What was in their attitude or in their character that was so impressive to God? When I look at the New Testament section in the bible, one of those characters that come to mind is John the Baptist, because of what Jesus said about him. He said of all men born of women there is no greater than John the Baptist. That's powerful. He said John the Baptist was greater than them all. Matthew 11:7-9, and as they departed, Jesus began to say unto them, what went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaven with the wind? What went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft clothe are in the kings houses, but what went ye out for to see? A prophet? He is asking them, you know they had gone out to see John the Baptist when he was ministering, a lot of people went out to see him and to hear him Jesus now is asking them, when you went out to see John what in the world did you think you were going to see? Who did you think he was? That's what he is asking. Verse 9, But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? For this is he of whom it was written, behold I send my messenger before thy face which shall prepare thy way before thee, verily I say unto you among them that are born of women there have not risen a greater than John the Baptist, notwithstanding, now I want you to notice something, now notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than ye that is least in the kingdom of heaven and there is a big difference. I remember sharing with you a long time ago, on the topic the kingdom, the power and the Glory. Then I explained to you the difference between the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God. The kingdom of heaven is that which Jesus has come to establish in the earth. Jesus is the head of the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of heaven is actually here in the earth. The kingdom of God includes everything and papa God is the head of that one, and he sent Jesus to establish the kingdom of heaven in the earth, and that is the kingdom in which we are part, that kingdom started here when Jesus came, and took off after his death burial and resurrection so it's actually the church of the new testament. So that means he's talking about those who are joint heirs with Christ, he's talking about us in the in the New Testament. The only reason he says we are greater is because we are the body of Christ, and each of us has been exalted to that place where we are seated together with Christ so it's not just talking about us as a people but as the body of Christ. That's really powerful. Now notice how Jesus commended John and so what kind of a man was John and how could Jesus commend such a man? If Jesus said no man was as great as or greater than John the Baptist, it'll like to find out what does the bible say about him? John 3:22, After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judea and there**

tarried with them and baptized and John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came and was baptized, for John was not yet cast into prison. Now John as he was ministering, he was baptizing people and Jesus also had come to baptize. I don't know how many of you might have come encountered people who try to speak errs about water baptism, they as that water baptism can be done in anyway, you can do it by pouring water on somebody's head and you can just take a bath and you are baptized, they say why do we say that to be baptized you've got to be deeper into the water? So they got a problem with those who baptize by deeping into the water. So notice what the question was, it says they arose a question between john's disciples and some of the Jews about... now the term used was "purify" another term would be "washing" I want you to understand this, among the Jews based on the law they purified everything by washing, they didn't eat with those plates until they were washed. Not just washed like you know, just wash with soap and get it clean, no, it was ceremonial cleansing, it had to be washed religiously, they didn't mention the name of God until they have had their bath. when the wrote anything if they got to the name of God if they were writing a letter to someone and they got to the name of God, the man stopped before he would write God's name he would go and have his bath. It was that serious, so they had to purify everything by washing with water and so they also had that of sprinkling of blood but that of sprinkling was done by the priest, but the Jews understood washing, they didn't go to the temple without washing. So now they find one man called John, he doesn't just wash them now he keeps them right into water. They find people who are going to John and they got disturbed and they said what manner of purifying is this? Must someone be deepened into the water? That's why they called him John the Baptist. Now the word "baptism" from where they got the Baptist, it came from the Greek translation on the new testament from the word "baptizo" it means "to deep completely into" "to completely immerse" so they associated John's kind of purifying with the complete immersion of the person, that's was what distinguished between John's kind of purifying and that of the Jews kind of purifying, they didn't deep people into the water the sprinkled water on them. And so Jesus now comes on the scene. In verse 25, then there arose a question between some John's disciples and the Jews about purifying and they came unto John and said unto him rabbi, he that was with thee beyond the Jordan see they were there when John said something about Jesus after the baptism, he baptized Jesus and that another very powerful area. They where there and when they heard the things that John said about Jesus, so they find Jesus baptizing people too so they came to John and said to him rabbi he that was with

thee beyond the Jordan to whom thou barest witness behold the same baptizing, he is Deeping people into water too and all men came to him. John didn't say who is that guy? Don't mind him I am bigger than him. Lets read it. Verse 27, John answered and said, A man can receive nothing except he be given him from heaven. What an answer, we are trying to find out about the man John, what kind of a man was he? I want to remind you that he didn't know Jesus as good as you do. The man was spoken to by the spirit of God like he would talk to everyone of you, that's the way the spirit of God spoke to him, and said the one in whom you will see the spirit of God descend on like a dove or in form of a dove the same is he that baptise with the holy ghost and with fire. And he knew by prophetic revelation whom Jesus was, she didn't know him from anywhere else, it was by prophetic revelation. So he could have a competition with Jesus. He could have been upset and say come on me you're not supposed to be baptizing I'm the Baptist. I've borne witness concerning you already, you just go die for them. Why didn't he do it. He said in verse 27, John answered, and said, a man cant receive nothing except it be given him from heaven, ye yourself bear me witness that I said that I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that had the bride is the bride groom, but the friend of the bride-groom which standeth and heareth him rejoiceth greatly because of the bride-groom's voice. This my joy therefore is fulfilled. That's attitude. Your attitude can determine and define your fulfillment In life. There are people who are never fulfilled not because things are going wrong buy they had a bad attitude. He said look my job is to hear the bride-grooms voice, the one who owns the bride is the bride-groom, the friend of the bride-groom rejoices to hear his voice, he said my joy therefore is fulfilled. I'm ok, I'm glad. Are you not the drummer? The TV never shows your face, you just keep drumming and its only the soloist that they show, aren't you the drummer? Why can't anybody see your face? And yet you are the best drummer, it say look, I help make that music work, my joy is fulfilled. What is your attitude? It matters what you are looking at in your life. The things that make us unhappy in life, the thing that pain us, sometimes we even develop the attitude of the man Haman in the Bible, do you remember Haman in the bible? Who had become so great, he was next to the king because the king promoted him. And every time he passed by everybody stood up, because Haman, prince Haman was coming through, but there was a man who never bowed to Haman, because he was a Jew, and that man knew the wickedness of Haman, his name was Modecai. And when Haman noticed that the guy was unbowed to him, he thought about what he was suppose to do until some friends came to him and said, have you notice that man Modecai never bows down whenever you pass by? He said, I

thought so, just weren't sure whether or not it was because of me or something else. They said it's you, every time you pass he doesn't, the rest of us would bow except Modecai, What did Haman say, his pride was hurt, he couldn't take it, He said look to deal with Modecai, alone it's a disgrace for me, I'll finish with all his people, his cousins, his uncle, all his friends, every one that is associated with him. Went forth to do it, but God stopped him in his tracks. Why is it that some of God's children take up the attitude of Haman? There is someone who doesn't greet you and that thing cannot leave your mind. Every time I come they can't see me [he acts] as if I am so small, until you are so upset one day and say am I so small that he can't see me? But did you lose anything? Then why did you care? If the guy doesn't greet you it doesn't make you less than you are. Instead you go ahead and greet him anyway, I'm not trying to be nasty and say good morning don't get nasty, just be nice, be yourself, don't care about those things. Have the right attitude. Ask yourself a question, if God didn't bless me like this would I have been anybody to be seen? Why should I care? That's the way you should think. It pays when the spirit of God corrects us about our attitude so that we can walk right. So you can come to a point in your life where you don't care about those things, they just don't matter. Develop the right attitude, when the wrong attitude shows up, nail it. Get it out of your life, and when you act rightly and develop the right attitude God would promote you. The bible says God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. He elbows them, the more they try to rise by themselves, the more he elbows them, he resists them. They think it's someone that is resisting them, no it's God. He resists them and gives grace to the humble, the humble just keeps moving forward. God looks at the humble fellow over there and exalts him. God's promotions cannot be forced by human beings and when it's God who is promoting you it doesn't come with bitterness, it doesn't come with anger, it doesn't come with jealousy. The right attitude. I know where I am suppose to be by now, that is not from God. You told you, you're supposed to be somewhere?, not the race is not for the swift, the battle is not for the strong, what makes you better than someone else? I know where my mates are talking, really,?, some are talking in prison. It's true. I know where my mates are, is it because I'm here? , God resist the proud, but he gives grace, I have seen people with abilities, unable to move, why? They are grumbling and getting angry where they are, they have so much abilities, they know, others know, that they have abilities, but as they move God says why? Pride, the bible says humble yourself, therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exults you in due time., There is a due time. It might be in your office and you've not been promoted for ten years, you watch yours go ahead of you, Humble

yourself, he would exults you in due time. When that due time comes, those ten steps would not elude you. That he may exalts you in due time. We don't all journey through the same, no, it doesn't mean first to start, would be first to finish. One of the things you should be careful about in your life is the temptation to measure yourself with other people. Look at John, read him. We'll read again verse 27; he that had the bride is the bride-groom, but the friend of the bride- groom which standeth and heareth him rejoiceth greatly because of the bride-groom's voice. This is my joy therefore it's fulfilled, he must increase but I must decrease. What an attitude. Jesus himself was humbled, did you read when he came to be baptized John, The crowd came Jesus was among them, when it got to Jesus turn, the holy ghost descended on him and John saw it by the spirit and knew because that was the sign given to him of God to recognize Jesus, then John stopped and said master I am the one who has need to be baptize of you, does thou come to me? And Jesus said go ahead and baptize me, he said for it be hoods us to fulfill all righteousness. We have to fulfill all righteousness so go ahead and baptize me. How? So John would lay his hands on Jesus, I know there are people who compete about laying on of hands. They say only God can put his hand on my head. Jesus said go ahead let it be so. It's our responsibility to fulfill all righteousness and was there and let John baptize him, deepen him into the water and brought him out. There are things in the word of God that sometimes I think some of us needs. St Matthew 5:1 and seeing the multitude, he went up into a mountain, and when he was set, his disciples came up to him, he opened his mouth, he thought them saying. blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Notice he didn't say the kingdom of God. He said the kingdom of heaven, then he said the poor in spirit, who are the poor in spirit? The kingdom of heaven is about a lifestyle and authority. Now Jesus says that life and authority belongs to them, the poor in spirit. The kingdom doesn't function in the earth, now here are two things that can help you to understand about the poor in spirit. one is that, he said in spirit, and two he said what belongs to them in the kingdom of heaven which functions in the earth amongst human beings, physical beings, they are spiritual beings but they live in the body, and yet these ones are poor in spirit, how then could the kingdom of heaven belongs to them. Watch this! The kingdom of heaven has come to us by Jesus Christ, we have become joint heirs with him so in the realm of the spirit we are absolutely wealthy, we've got wealth untold, we are absolutely wealthy but then we function in the earth. And in the earth he's given us authority meaning there is nothing that we cannot get by the use of that authority so how can you be poor in the spirit? Because in the realm of the spirit you are rich and then in the earth you've got authority, you can

get what you want, so how can you be poor in the spirit? Look at Jesus, the bible tells us he didn't seize his reputation as the son of God, but laid down his glory, he tells us something about how we can, let me give you a simple example, Jesus, a young, a rich young ruler came to him one time, you remember the story, a rich, that's the way the bible describe him, a rich young ruler, that means a young prince. So the young man came to Jesus and said; good master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus said, you know the commandment, keep them and you shall live. He said which one, because he has done something, he had lived right, so he said, which one? And Jesus went, thou shalt not and thou shalt not. And when Jesus was through, the man said, all these have I kept from my youth, what else do I lack? And Jesus said alright, go and sell all you have and give it to the poor, and come and follow me. The bible said the man was sad and went away. What was the problem? What he was saying, was Jesus against what the man had? No. if that were it, he would have said it the first time. That wasn't the problem. Jesus wanted the man to have a different attitude, nothing else can satisfy, Jesus said, go, sell what you have give it to the poor and come and follow me. He didn't , he went away, that means what, when Jesus said blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, it means those who have in spirit given up everything, you may see a lot with them but they have counted all things but junk, that's what Paul said. You've come to a point in your life where nothing matters and everything you have is for the purpose of the kingdom of God, for the gospel of Jesus Christ, nothing satisfies and nothing is important to you anymore because in the spirit you have given up everything. You know you can be wearing a watch, an expensive one but you have given it up. In other words you've come to a point in your life where the spirit of God says give so and so, can you give that in the offering and you do it with immediate effect. No argument. you come to a point in your life where nothing really matters to you, that's the poor in spirit. They have spiritually in themselves given up everything, so it doesn't matter what you see with them those things don't own them anymore. Blessed are the poor in spirit to them belongs the kingdom of heaven. Christ kingdom that has been established in the earth to bring the lifestyle of heaven and the authority of heaven into this world to bless men's lives. Now the second one, verse 4, blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted, who are they that mourn? He is not saying blessed is that man whose uncle died and he was mourning, he is not saying blessed is that man whose child died, no he's not talking about that kind of mourning because Jesus was a prophet and he is using prophetic language and it's important to understand it. When you read about the prophets who mourned, the bible tells you how they put ashes on their head or tear their cloths

not because they lost something but they were mourning because of the children of God, who had either gone into captivity or because something went wrong and God's people had become victims or the people weren't serving God the way they should have been serving him and so they mourned in intercession. That's what he is talking about. he said blessed are they that mourned for they shall be comforted. How has this affected you, in your life do things concerning other people get your attention? This is one of the problems we are having amongst Christians today, they hear that so and so doesn't go to church anymore they don't cry in prayer. To them something is wrong with the church or something is wrong with that person and that's all, nobody is praying. It is as though many of us have become callous in our hearts. do You know one of the beautiful things that I enjoy looking at? Is when I see the names of people today, people who have become ministers and leaders amongst us in our ministry and all over the place and have their names in different files, people don't know what those names are doing there but I wrote them down for intercessions, I was praying for them, if I notice someone has a terrible attitude I put his name there. if I notice someone who probably was inconsistent, comes today and you don't see him in the next three weeks, you talk to him and he gives you all the funny answers put his name in there. I've got names of several people, that's how come some of you here are very serious now, that's what I was doing. There are some people I just notice in church maybe because I talked to them or someone told me, I've found out that they just never was stable in their business but they have the ability and nothing was going right, I know the answer, intercession! I am not talking about the kind of prayer you say oh God I remember John brown in prayer, do it for him lord. That's not the kind of prayer I am talking about, I would just know that this one prayer session I am going to have is a crying session. I have a message titled "try tears" some of you have never heard it because I know that tears work, they on some of you. You know what I'm talking about. Some people can't get something from you until they start crying. And when you say ok stop now, stop, stop. It works for God too sometimes, but it has to be according to the word, not crying about what is already given you. You pray oh God make me a preacher, if he prays like that, he will preach it, he will tell it to everybody. Blessed are they that morn, he say for they shall be comforted. You see, when we start seeing those results, we are rejoicing like this. Glory to God. You say; look at that guy, he use to be a rascal, look at him now, thank you Jesus. Something about the attitude I said, your attitude is important. Your attitude defines your fulfillment, it defines your value. When we talk about value, remember we read about John the Baptist and what value Jesus placed on him because of his attitude



and then fulfillment. He said; my joy therefore is fulfilled, we find that also in the life of Moses as well. [Exodus 22:10]. God one time was very angry with the children of Israel in the days of Moses. The said to Moses get out of my way, let me finish them. [Verse 10, now therefore let me alone that my wrought may wax hot against them and that I might consume them and will make of thee a great nation]. If you were Moses, listen to what God said, God so angry against the children of Israel because of something they've done wrong. And he said, get out of my way, let me finish these people, I will consume them then I will make great nation from you. What would you have thought? Its true! These stiffed neck people. And Moses besought the lord his God, and said lord why doth thy wrought wax hot against thy people Which thou has brought with great power and with a mighty hand Wherefore should the Egyptians speak and say for mischief, did you bring them out to slay them from the face of the earth , turn from thy wrath, from thy fierce wrath and repent of this evil against thy people, oh God said leave me alone let me consume them, he said leave me alone that means God felt held back by Moses' prayer. he said I will raise another people from you, you'll have a great nation. Won't that have been wonderful, instead of saying the God of Abraham, the God f Moses, but Moses wasn't after his own name, he said oh God, what if the enemies should hear, they would say you couldn't take them to the promise land that's why you killed them in the mountains here, please turn from your fierce wrought please. What an attitude! No wonder the bible says, God said about Moses, that he was the meekest man in the face of the earth, that's what God said about Moses. I said think about those that God has commanded, find out something about their life, their attitude. Why did God praise them, why was God so, so pleased with them? Why was he so identified with them? Copy that attitude. [Exodus 22:31, and Moses returned unto the lord and said, oh these people have sinned a read sin and have them gods of God, yet now if thou will forgive their sin and if not blot me I pray thee out of thy book which thou hast written. What a risk, he says oh God forgive their sins, if you will not, blot me out. What do you think? That's pretty serious, he so connected himself with the people. Let me tell you something, our struggle to make ourselves great is useless. Learn the value of his own praise in your life, learn the value of his own acceptance. If God has accepted him, it doesn't matter who does not accept you. Don't measure your life by what others think about you: oh! So you mean you are doing that? Don't worry about what others say, fulfill Gods calling with humility. Use that attitude, always choose to be humbled, because the man that is humbled, the bible says would be exalted by God that's what the bible says. May

**his name be glorified in your life. I pray may Gods spirit guide you to have the right attitude every time no matter what.**