

### **Builder or Wrecker?**





"Let all things be done for Edification" ( | Cor 14:26).





## Attitude: By Chuck Swindol

"I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I *react* to it."



### WHAT IS AN ATTITUDE?

Definition: "A position one has toward a person, thing, or situation, it's an outlook, a point of view, or mental frame of reference."

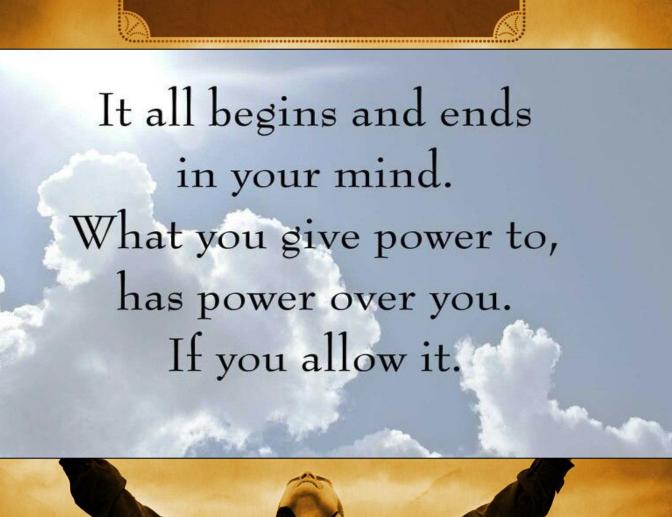


### BIBLE EXAMPLES:





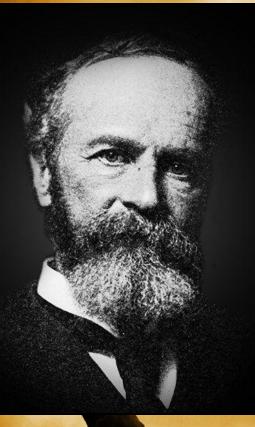
- "To be carnally minded is death, to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rm 8:6).
- "Bring every *thought* into the captivity of Jesus Christ" (II Cor 10:5).
- -"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he" (Prov 23:7).







- "A man is basically what he thinks about all day long." Ralph Waldo Emerson.
- "Thought and character are one." James
   A. Allen
- "A man becomes what he thinks about all day long!" Marcus Arelius.
- "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." *Helen Keller*



The greatest revolution of our generation is the discovery that human beings, by **changing** the inner attitudes of their **minds**, can **change** the outer aspects of **their lives**.

- William James



### What does it mean to Edify?



- Literally: "The act of building."
  - -That which promotes the *spiritual* growth and development of the character of believers by teaching, or by example, and is the result of patient labor."





### Three Different Relationships

- Local Congregation (Acts 9:31).
- Person to Person (I Cor 8:1).
- Individual (I Cor 14:4).







"A disposition, point of view, or outlook, that seeks not only to build up oneself, but others as well, and promotes the spiritual growth of the body of Christ as a whole, in a positive way."



- LOVE I Cor 8:1, I Cor 13: 4-8
- **RESPECT** I Thess 5:11-13
- SERVICE Matt 23:11, Eph 4:16
- PEACE Rm 14:19
- SPEAKING THE TRUTH Eph 4:15, Ps 127:1

# Do I have these attitudes that edify?





"So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase" (Acts 9:31).