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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16).

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Attitude

"I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances." – Martha Washington

"It's not what happens to you that determines how far you will go in life; it is how you handle what happens to you." – Zig Ziglar

"Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude." – Ziglar

"If you believe you can, you probably can. If you believe you won't, you most assuredly won't. Belief is the ignition switch that gets you off the launching pad." – Denis Waitley

So how is your attitude? Could it be described as sun shine and bright, or as doom and gloom? You would be amazed at how many Christians are such avowed pessimists and skeptical and downright discouraging.

You may have heard the old saying that Charles White used once in a Gospel Meeting, "Some of my brethren look like they have been baptized in pickle juice." One would tend to think that Christians are some of the most unhappy people in this world.

Now it may well be the case that some are unhappy, because they have just enough religion to be miserable. If you know enough Bible to know that certain things you do are wrong, and your heart is not really into serving Christ, you can look at things as though "there is nothing that I am allowed to do that I want to do." One has to feel sorry for those who are not truly converted to Christ. How miserable they must be caught in the love of the world but restrained to "enjoy" it.

Jesus once remarked, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). We can indeed enjoy life literally "beyond measure." If we keep things in their proper perspective, there is every reason to have a good attitude toward life. After all, we know that this life is only temporary. The heart aches and grief in this world remains in this world. What is yet to come in eternity will be so wonderful. How can we not have a positive attitude when we consider all that God has done for us and what awaits us?

You likely don't realize it, but your attitude has a profound effect upon other people. It may not only affect your altitude, but may also help motivate someone else to seek that which is above (Col. 3:1-2).