



Eagle Vision Partner Letter

“A Winning Attitude”

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Dear Partner,

I pray this letter finds you operating in the love of God.

Attitude is defined as an inward feeling expressed by behavior or a mental position with regard to fact or state. In other words, how we respond to life's challenges. It is said that attitude determines your altitude. John Maxwell, a well-known author said that often our attitude is the only difference between success and failure.

One great example of a good attitude (*Jesus is the greatest example.*) is found in **Genesis 39:6**. In this verse Joseph is described as a goodly person and well favored. Now we understand that favor means to show partiality towards, kindness and good will. The reason Joseph was so well favored was because he made a choice to have a good attitude. One of the greatest attributes that a Christian can possess is a positive attitude. A positive attitude will get you in places that qualifications alone cannot. People that you encounter will remember the kind of attitude you have more than what you do. With that in mind, think about what kind of impression you leaving with people?

All of us have opportunities every day to make someone's day or ruin it. Remember, if you are a Christian the impression you leave with people is the impression that they will have of God. The Bible gives us a description of the attitude that we are to have according to **Galatians 5:22-23**, *But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.* The devil has no defense against a Christian who walks in love and forgiveness.

Even though Joseph had been betrayed by his brethren, thrown into a pit and sold into slavery he was still described as a goodly person. He had a great opportunity to have a bad attitude but instead he made a choice to stay focused and trust in his God. God had shown Joseph a dream and Joseph stayed connected to his dream and refused to allow anyone (distractions) to take that from him. If you have allowed the devil to steal your dream, then he has stolen you. Make a choice to get your dream back by fighting the good fight of faith until you see your victory. You have already won. After all, God said in **Psalm 34:19** *That many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.* He also said in **Psalm 34:17** *the righteous cry and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their troubles.* I love the word **all** in both verses because that includes what you are facing right now! Nothing is too hard for God! **Psalm 34:8** says *O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusted in him.* Are you trusting Him? Well you are empowered to prosper. **You already have everything you need to come out of what you're going through right now.**

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The best way to demonstrate your trust is by having a positive attitude. What is a positive attitude?

- A positive attitude does not complain.
- A positive attitude finds the good in things and does not look for or dwell on the negative.
- A positive attitude looks for opportunities to praise people.
- A positive attitude is joyful.
- A positive attitude believes the best and is optimistic about situations and people.

Joseph made a choice to make the best of a negative situation by choosing to forgive his brothers and everyone else that wronged him. As a result in **Genesis 41:37-44**, we see Joseph being promoted. As you choose to have a winning attitude like Joseph, you too will be promoted in all areas of your life.

In His Anointing,

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Helpful Tips for Having a Winning Attitude

- 1) Respond and do not react. Responding requires you to carefully think! Think twice before responding. (You may not be responsible for how someone acts but you are responsible for how you respond.) The prison system is full of people that reacted. Love will keep you in the safety zone.
- 2) Always ask yourself what would Jesus think about the situation and what would He do?
- 3) Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and obey.
- 4) Remember that you owe no man nothing but to love him (**Romans 13:8**).
- 5) Keep your dream alive and stay focused.

Ministry Update:

- 36 people have been saved/restored!
- The Live Radio Show with Chester Davis went well on 1550 AM.
- Our 1st Women of Excellence Fellowship went very well. A lady was restored to Jesus and Pastor Deirdre delivered a powerful word. We had great gifts that Pastor Deirdre sowed into the ladies and people came from the surrounding areas. We want to thank everyone that attended! A special thanks to Tracy White for flying all the way from Michigan, just to attend the Fellowship.
- Pastors Harold & Deirdre and ECCI have been accepted as members of International Covenant Ministries (Creflo & Taffi Dollar's Ministry Association).
- We would like to wish Micah a Happy 4th Birthday (July 8, 2003).
- As always thank you for your prayers and financial support and may God richly bless you!
- Our 1st Men of Excellence breakfast will be held on August 2, 2003 at 10:00 am at IHOP on Capital Blvd. If you need more information, please call the church office.

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