

Attitude Check

Lesson One • Numbers 14:1-35

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Our ATTITUDES can turn our lives into a desert wilderness experience.

Why Everyone Needs an Attitude Check

1. Attitudes Are a Big Deal to GOD!

Exhibit A:

The Children of Israel in Numbers 13 & 14

Three Reasons Attitudes Are a Big Deal:

- Attitudes REVEAL the true person.

- Attitudes PREDICT what we will become.

- Attitudes AFFECT our relationships with people and God.

2. We Pay a Big Price for WRONG Attitudes!

"The carcasses of you who have murmured against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above...But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised. But as for you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness. And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness." Numbers 14:29, 31-33

3. God Says the Big Problem Is MURMURING!

Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who murmur against Me? I have heard the murmurings which the children of Israel murmur against Me." Numbers 14:26-27

Do all things without murmuring and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. Philippians 2:14-15

The Remedy:

Step 1: REPENT of wilderness attitudes.

So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." Numbers 21:6-8

Step 2: REPLACE wilderness attitudes with Promise Land attitudes.

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24

Five Questions to Ask Yourself

- Are you willing to consider what GOD has to say about changing your attitude?
- Are you willing to be CHANGED?
- Are you willing to change your ATTITUDE?
- Are you willing to focus exclusively on YOUR attitude?
- Are you willing to go after this change of attitude with URGENCY?