



## Part 1 | Watch Your Attitude

Attitude is a powerful influence in the direction of your life. Positive attitudes can see us through difficult situations. If we aren't careful, attitudes can also lead to our downfall.

**Bottom Line:** Foolishness negates potential.

### Discussion Questions

1. Name a person you know who has a positive attitude. How has their attitude helped them? How has their attitude helped those around them?
2. How have you seen a "bad" attitude negatively impact a person? How have you seen someone's bad attitude impact others around them? A sports team? A work team?
3. Read Judges 17:6. What attitude(s) lead a person - or group of people - to do what is "right in their own eyes?" What kinds of things have you seen others justify in their own eyes? People value autonomy. How have you seen this to be a positive thing? A negative?
4. Read Numbers 6:1-12.
  - a. Samson was to maintain Nazarite vows throughout his entire life (see Judges 13:6-7). Now read Judges 14:5-6 and 8-10. What attitudes did Samson display toward his vows? Why do you think he didn't take his vows more seriously?
  - b. Read Judges 14:1-3. What attitudes did Samson display toward his parents? Toward women?
5. What has been the most helpful or encouraging thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
6. Three attitudes led to Samson's eventual downfall: 1) Lust - I want it!; 2) Entitlement - I deserve it!; 3) Pride - I can handle it! It is apparent from Judges 13-16 that Samson led an isolated life with virtually no one to help him and speak into his life. His attitudes led him to make foolish decisions which in turn kept him living up to his full potential.
  - a. If you were to be honest, what attitudes do you struggle with the most (it may be one of the three from the message, or it could be a different one)?
  - b. How have you found success in battling any of these in your own life?
  - c. How can the group encourage you this week?