



Speaking from Personal Experience, An Attitude Adjustment Can Result in Genuine Gratitude

by Jamie Shinabarger, President & CEO

Just coming off Thanksgiving, hip deep in preparation for Christmas, and about a month from a New Year... it's a hectic time of the year! The parties, the food preparation, the shopping, money pressures, family gatherings and the like can all be overwhelming.

With each new year that rolls around and the joys that accompany aging, I'm reminded of the necessity of taking myself to the woodshed pretty frequently for a good old-fashioned "talking to." Instead of an attitude of looking at everything to be accomplished as a chore ("I have to..."), I am trying to train myself to adopt the mindset, "I get to..." Rather than, "I have to take those tubs up to the attic..." it's "I'm grateful that I have the physical ability to take the tubs up to the attic."

Instead of, "I have to give to this charity or my church..." it's "I'm grateful for the financial blessings I've received which equip me with the financial ability to help others less fortunate."

As opposed to, "I have to call an aged loved one, or lonely friend..." it's "I'm grateful I can make someone's day by remembering them. The day may come when I'm the aged loved one or the lonely friend."

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

- Author, Melody Beattie

You've likely heard it said that gratitude starts with your attitude. I can attest to that in my own life. I need God's help to adopt and maintain an attitude of gratitude. When I do that successfully, the physical task – the giving, the phone call, the whatever – flows much more freely with much less friction, anxiety, and dread. Give it a try and see if living life doesn't become a little easier for you as well, particularly at this time of the year!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all! - Jamie Shinabarger









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