

ATTITUDE IN RECEIVING THE WORD

I. Our Attitude in Receiving the Word.

A. The Word must become first place in your life and final authority (John 1:1, 14).

B. Your attitude in receiving the Word is just as important as the anointing to preach it.

In Mark 4:20 good ground hears the Word, receives it.....

1. Receives it as it is in truth the Word of God not men (1 Thessalonians 2:13).
2. Receives it with all readiness of mind (Acts 17:11).
3. Receives it with meekness (James 1:21).
4. Receives it spiritually, not naturally (1 Corinthians 2:12,14).
5. Receives it mixed with faith (Hebrews 4:2).
6. Receives it in an honest and good heart (Luke 8:15).

C. How else might you receive it.

1. Sceptically - Inclined to question truth (it is a way of thinking that believes that the truth of all knowledge must always be in question and doubted).
2. Cynically - Inclined to question the motives, sincerity and goodness of the person.
3. Critically - Inclined to find fault, shortcomings, or defects in the message or messenger.

II. The Government of God and Lordship of Christ are the Government and Lordship of the Word.

A. The Government is upon His Shoulders Isaiah 9:6, 7.

1. Every government has a head.
2. Jesus is the Head of the Government of God.
3. Only His government will restore what was lost in the Fall of Man.
4. He will not force His rule. It's only as we submit to His rule.
5. As we submit, His government increases resulting in more peace in our lives.
6. Peace is always the result of submission to God's government and rule.

B. His Government is the Lordship of His Word John 1:1, 14.

1. As we submit to His Word we submit to His government.
2. Letting the Word of Christ rule is letting Jesus govern our life Colossians 3:16.
3. Letting the peace of God rule in our hearts is submitting to the rule of His Word in our hearts.
4. Many want His peace without submitting to the rule and government of His Word.

C. He has also put Governments in His Church 1 Corinthians 12:28.

1. The authority and gifting to govern is in the Ministry Gift offices Ephesians 4:8-11.
2. This authority to govern is legitimate but not infallible.
3. Church authority is ordained of God Romans 13:1-7.