

## GOD BLESS YOUR LIFE

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### 1. BE POSITIVE, BUT PREPARE

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Phil. 4:8 dwell on positive things  
Luke 14:26-33 while counting the cost is recognizing  
negative things (about people or  
situations), it is focusing on the  
positive  
Phil. 4:12 knowing how to be abased and how to abound

Author John C. Maxwell wrote a book titled, *The Difference Maker*.  
The premise of his book is that the proper attitude can make a  
difference in a person's life.

On pages 1 and 2, he wrote: "Have you ever heard someone say,  
'Attitude is everything'? It seems to be a favorite line of some  
motivational speakers. According to them, a great attitude is all  
you need to be successful. Unfortunately, it's simply not true.

"I do a lot of professional speaking. Each year I communicate at  
live events to 250,000 people. And I do believe in motivating  
others. However, I don't think of myself as a motivational  
speaker. I call myself a motivational *teacher*. That may seem  
like a technicality, but here's the difference: A motivational  
speaker makes you feel good, but the next day you're not sure why.  
A motivational *teacher* also makes you feel good, but the next day  
you possess something that will actually help you.

"The promise that attitude is everything is hollow. In fact, if  
you believe that attitude is everything, it may actually hurt you  
more than help you. If attitude were everything, then the only  
thing that would separate me from a successful singing career  
would be the belief that I can do it. But trust me, there is  
another factor that stands in my way: talent. . . .

"So does a good attitude make any difference? Absolutely.  
Attitude is the difference maker! *Attitude isn't everything, but  
it is one thing that can make a difference in your life.*"

Here is a list of where attitude *cannot* make a difference.

1. Your attitude cannot substitute for competence.
2. Your attitude cannot substitute for experience.



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#### 4. LOOK OUT FOR OTHERS

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I asked you to wisely consider -- Who's looking out for you?  
Now, I ask you to lovingly consider -- Are you looking out for  
others?