

LIVING WATER

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Greetings

We invite you to The Well New Life Fellowship. We welcome you to enjoy freedom as you worship the Father with us. We are honored to have you. If we may be of service please feel free to contact us:

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Our Mission:

To reach the lost, and those who are hurting, to come into the knowledge of God's love and power. Teach and equip new converts to become mature believers in their walk of faith, so that they become progressive in the way they serve in the kingdom of God.

Vision Statement:

To train and develop the body of Christ with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding so that they are "equipped to go," into the highways and hedges. To strengthen believers in their walk of faith, as they reach the lost and hurting for the Kingdom of God. To influence the lives of people to work in their full potential; and to use their God given abilities to impact communities, cities, and the world.

Slogan:

A Haven for Shelter and Protection where you are Developed to Excel living a Godly lifestyle. A place to, "Come and Drink Living Water from The Well!"





Two Attitudes "Responsibility"

(Part 1)

Two Attitudes in the beginning...

I am going to share a subject God gave me to teach to the body of The Well; which has been an impact on us. God began this series on "Two Attitudes". I want to start with the book of Genesis with God and Man. God began by creating the heavens and earth; then He spoke all things into exist. As God was completing the process of His creation, he formed man in His image, from the dust of the earth, and named him Adam.

God's Two Attitudes for mankind

- 1. His desire for His creation
- 2. His desire to provide for His creation

Genesis 1

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. When Adam came God saw that he was along which caused Him to give him a mate, Eve.

Genesis 2

⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

⁹ And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the

sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

When He created Adam, He give him power and authority to declare and he had the ability to name everything we see in the world today. I want to start here to give a foundation of "Two Attitudes". You will find how it is important to learn the difference between "Two Attitudes" we all face in our daily lives.

As Adam and Eve began their lives on earth and moved freely in the earth; Adam had full control over every living thing.

¹⁵ And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

(Part 2)

- 3. God gives us and trusts us with responsibility
- 4. Choices was a part of our makeup when God created man, which is reflected in our attitudes in our decision process

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Two Attitudes "Responsibility"...

As they lived together, two attitudes began to form. Let's look at how time causes us to learn habits of "Good & Bad". Adam began to live his life with Eve, but his attitude toward his responsibility lacks his attention. Why do I says this, Eve was left to be tempted by Satan with Adam being around.

Genesis 3

⁶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Note: When she saw, it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to desire (attitude) she eat, then she gave to her husband.

Question: What was Adam doing when Satan was talking to his wife?

The same thing many men are doing today, being lazy and not taking responsible attitudes, and not speaking up for the family.

Adam could have immediately stop Eve's attitude, which was an inquiring mind. Even when we desire to get knowledge it should be our desire/purpose to understand the consequence of our action. Look at Eve. What Satan was sharing with her; Adam could have spoken up to give her satisfaction through the authority given to him by God. Genesis 1:8, we have dominion and authority because of begin created in His image.

Two Attitudes:

1. Adam was so relaxed that he missed what was going on around him;

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- 2. Eve was listening to strange voices when Adam was supposed to be her voice;
- 3. Adam did not stop the action even though he heard the same thing Eve heard;
- 4. His position gave him the authority to defend Eve by speaking up for her;
- 5. Eve's lack of knowledge caused her to be misled;
- 6. Eve did not honor her mate when she was being enticed.
- ⁸ And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
- ⁹ And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?
- ¹⁰ And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.
- ¹¹ And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? ¹² And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Adam blamed Eve

¹³ And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

• Eve blamed Satan

You can see how wrong attitudes can affect right judgment...

Have you ever had someone come to you and say, "I Thought" and you reply; You should have asked me first!"

Adam should have asked God, and Eve should have asked Adam.



God is Real . . .

The ministry has been a great help to me because of the teaching of the Word of God. Pastor Graves makes it so simple where even a child can understand. It is an on time Word-like at the present moment. Pastor taught on a lesson following the footsteps that the Father wants us to follow. The steps are not always on a straight path, there are some turns but we must Hear and Obey the voice of God. I went to visit someone in the hospital. That night I drove my husband's car. He just had some repairs done some days before. As I left the parking garage, the Spirit prompted me to go in a different direction than the way I came, I did. As I went into this deep curve the whole front end axial of the car broke loose and the wheels wouldn't turn. I held on to the steering wheel as tight as I could, and in the mean while I called on the name of Jesus. My children, all adults thought I had fallen asleep at the wheel. The Lord guided the car to the shoulders of the highway out of the flow of traffic. As soon as the car was on the shoulders an eighteen wheeler came by at high speed in the same lane we would have been in, but God spared our lives. To God by the Glory!!!!

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The ministry of The Well New Life Fellowship has been a blessing to me in many ways. One of the ways that was most impactful to me was the clarification of understanding the importance of both tithes AND offerings. I understood the importance of tithing and the principal of tithing, but what I didn't know was that it is the *offerings* given above the tithe that causes the 'overflow' blessing to come. The tithe is what is required, the offering is sacrificial giving and as such, that is what will be honored and blessed. So now, I tithe as well as give offerings. Like the Pastor and Teacher Graves instructs us, start where we can and as the increase comes, so shall our offerings increase. Thank you, Pastor and Teacher Graves for making the Word easy to understand and follow. Like you always say, *hear*, *know*, *obey* <u>and</u> *apply*. So as I am learning, I am applying what I have learned. Thank you for your commitment to helping us 'rightly divide the word of truth'.

Two Attitudes "Responsibility"...

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(*Part 3*)

(*Part 4*)

What are some keys to correct our "Attitudes"

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- 1. Keep your fellowship with God daily;
- 2. Have a special time to meet Him;
- 3. Understand that God wants and waits to hear from you;
- 4. Being in God's presence keeps us from having wrong attitudes;
- 5. Being led by the spirit of God provides safety from wrong attitudes;
- 6. Watch who you are listening too;
- 7. Don't use excuses for your own attitude or behavior.

Taking responsibilities for one's own Attitudes

Here are some Nuggets that I will share with you so that you can learn about making changes for the betterment of a person's behavior:

In life we are to Hear, Know, Obey, & Apply change by hearing the voice of God through life experiences and lessons that we learn day by day.

John 10

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Nuggets become Gold when you put all the pieces together!

Nugget 1: Understand everybody does not have your best interest in mind

Nugget 2: Do not reject wise counsel or knowledge

Nugget 3: Learn the importance of your attitude when God requires/expects you to do something to bring about changes or corrections

Nugget 4: His principles are always the main factors to be considered

Nugget 5: Learn your place or position (it may save your life or someone else's)

Nugget 6: Learn how to stay in your place or position (you can be saved before failure)

Nugget 7: Your attitude will lead you into your destiny

Nugget 8: Judge your own attitude before somebody else does (it affects your future)

Nugget 9: Wrong attitudes causes you to forget "Who You Are"

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Devotional



Blessed is His Majestic Name! His kingdom is for all eternity.

And you shall love the Lord thy God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words, which I command you this day, shall be upon your heart, And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way and when you lie down, and when you rise up. *Deuteronomy* 6:5-7

Summary:

As we look at the lives of Adam and Eve, we can find ourselves in some way. We see and learn that the responsibility of our actions and choices affects others. should be wiser and more alert to the traits of Satan. God is revealing His traits to us which should direct our decisions. How powerful are "Attitudes", when they are controlled by the Spirit of God to make wise decisions and bring the best results to enrich our lives. It's my desire to share these principles, tools and insights to stir up your attitude to change. We can reach our goals in life:

- *By having the right attitudes* Matthews 5:1-7
- Being willing to take responsibility
- *Keep the right perspective*
- Knowing God's desires for us
- Work on improving your attitude
- Be honest with yourself

It's our choices that reflect on the "good or bad behavior". We cannot afford to use the blame game as Adam and Eve did. But we should spend time to correct attitudes that affects us and others. God's plan for us is to possess the ultimately best in life here on Our inheritance lies within us to occupy the earth today. Your attitude will enhance your success or failure in every area of your path on earth. Even when Satan tries to deceive us, we must remember God's voice and know where to meet Him in the cool of the day.

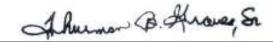
Men like to take responsibility for receiving praises for their action; but fail to take responsibility for their attitude when being corrected. You may not realize that when man is being corrected, it a sign that he has a better attitude than the one that may be showing at that time.

Godly Thought 1: Let God's best attitude come out of you.

Godly Thought 2: You are in control with Christ. Philippians 4:13

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2012 Highlights (October - December)

<u>Elect Lady Birthday (Giving Honor)</u>: The Well New Life Fellowship family celebrated the birthday of our Elect Lady Wilma Graves on Sunday, September 30, 2012 with the presentation of gifts, cards, and well wishes.



Pastor and Elect Lady 30th Wedding Anniversary: Pastor Thurman B. Graves, Sr. and Elect Lady Wilma Graves celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. The Well New Life Fellowship family recognized their special day with the presentation of gifts, cards, and well wishes.



<u>Building Fund Activities (Popcorn Sale)</u>: We began the first of many building fund fundraising activities. We choose *Deanan Gourmet Popcorn* for our initial fundraiser. It was well received and we have been having success with this endeavor – thank you for your support!



Thanksgiving Celebration (Family and Friends Day): We enjoyed good food and fellowship at our Thanksgiving Celebration (Family and Friends Day). Pastor Graves expounded in the Word why we should be thankful and reminded us that we should always give thanks to God daily, not just during the traditional Thanksgiving Day observation.



Mission Outreach Christmas: The Well New Life Fellowship family adopted a family and presented the family with a food basket at the Worship Service on Sunday, December 23, 2012. The food basket was a blessing to the family and was well received. The food basket contained both perishable and non-perishable items. Thank you to the Well New Life Fellowship family for making donations to this mission outreach activity.



<u>Christmas Hand Bell Choir:</u> Children's Ministries and Youth Possessing God's Power presented the story of Christmas as recorded in *Luke 2*. The reading was accompanied by hand bell selections of *Silent Night, Joy to the World* and concluded with an a cappella rendition of *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.



The Well New Life Fellowship ''A Refreshing Haven'

Changing lives to fulfill the command of God; by teaching, preaching & training disciples to walk in understanding and wisdom, with a Spirit of excellence (Proverbs 17:27).

It is our desire to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with thousands of residents throughout the Channelview, Baytown, Humble, Pasadena, and Houston Metropolitan area.

It is our desire to welcome greater than 150 families into this fellowship of believers.

It is our desire to develop people in Christian maturity, through Bible studies and sound Bible-based teaching.

It is our desire to send out missionaries and empower every member to have a personal life style of mission work locally and internationally throughout the world. We each have an assignment on earth.

It is our desire to own at least 5 acres of land with building facilities to be remodeled or to build a Training Center, including, but not limited to a worship center, counseling center, prayer center, and business office space for entrepreneurs, administrative and recreational center.

We agree with the vision as ONE MAN with ONE VOICE and we believe by faith, that this confession is a reality in our lives for today and future generations.

Let's join our "hearts, spirits and minds," to make an impact for the Kingdom of God.

Mark Your Calendar

- January 13 Church 2nd Year Celebration
 (Dr. Kenneth Johnson [Potter's Bible Institute])
- February 2 Pastor's Birthday
 (Special Celebration Sunday February 3)
- March 9 10 Men Of Valor Enforced
 (M.O.V.E.) Men's Conference 2013
 Registration \$15.00

Saturday – 9 – Continental Breakfast –
8:00 am – 8:30 am; Session begins at
9:00 am – 1:30 pm *Special Guest Speakers
Sunday – 10 – 10:00 am *Special Guest Speaker
Pastor Braque Wilson

- April 20 Summerwood Garage Sale
 (7:00 am 2:00 pm)
- May 25 Youth Possessing God's Power
 (Y.P.G.P.) Lunch with Pastor (10:30 am –
 1:30pm) Location TBA

John 4:14

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

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