

# Attitude for this Season & Beyond

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**Luke 1:46** *My soul doth magnify the Lord*  
**Psalms 13:5** *My heart shall rejoice in thy*  
**Hebrews 13:15** *let us continually offer*

**1** The right attitude at all times and every season responds to all situations and people by the power of the Holy Spirit within—bearing the fruit of:

**2** NIV **Galatians 5:22** “*Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.*”

**3** Often our attitude is *not* what it should be, but what it *can* be what God *wants* it to be by His Spirit helping us.

**4** NIV **Galatians 5:24** “*Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires*”—removing unkind and sarcastic remarks to people.

**5** People in general act a little more kindly, considerate, and respectful during the holidays.

**6** This Christmas gave us the opportunity to shine the light of God’s Truth in an ever-increasingly dark world by our showing kindness, consideration, and appreciation to everyone.

**7** If asking, *What is the right spirit of the season?* —the opinions would vary, but for many in the world it is purchasing anything and everything—resulting in billions of dollars spent during this time and putting just as many in serious financial debt.

**8** To those with a right attitude, it is a time to be more understanding and more considerate toward people—family, friends, relatives, co-workers, and everyone else so that the love of God is shown and extended to many around us.

**9** Seasonal cards proclaim *peace on earth and glad tidings of great joy* or just *holiday greetings* and omitting the Name of Christ—a Name that is above every other name and the only Name by which anyone will be saved from the flames.

**10** NIV **Acts 4:12** “*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.*”

**11** But no matter how often the world ignores or omits the Savior’s Name, Scripture will be fulfilled. AV **Philippians 2:9** “*God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.*”

**12** To many, this season means good times with family, friends, holiday meals, and good conversations. The right spirit and attitude is thanking God for being able to *enjoy* all those blessings—things we often take for granted.

**13** The holiday can be one of reflection and thinking about the changes that have taken place in our life, but God is in control of every aspect of our life, and for every door that may have closed, He will open another as we keep our faith and trust on Him.

**14** Children and young people are watching, listening, and learning from how we *respond* and *talk* and *act* during these holiday gatherings. What example are we *setting*? What attitude are we *showing*?

**15** Children learn from our *responses* and our *words*—and someday our *responses* and *words* and *attitudes* will be *their* responses, words, and attitudes.

**16** The right spirit for all seasons would thank God that we are able to assemble in church

services and to share a common faith in Christ—trusting Him every day for everything—because His sacrifice paid the cost for our sins—opening the way for healing, deliverance, and victory over oppressions. This is a blessed privilege many do *not* have.

**17** The right attitude for this season and beyond is a spirit of *giving* as the wise men brought gifts to Jesus.

**18** Giving is good when it fills a need and comes from the heart. Shopping Centers see this season as a time for huge profits, but we should give from a heart, and with God’s help, to give to those who cannot give anything in return.

**19** Helping a family member complete a task or finish a project is often more appreciated than a gift. People come *first*—gifts are always *second*.

**20** Let us, with God’s help, *never* insult or offend anyone at any time. Kindness; patience; and understanding toward others is always the right attitude to have in *all* seasons.

**21** Mary was filled with the Spirit and said AV **Luke 1:46** “*My soul doth magnify the Lord, 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.*”

**22** We should always *magnify the Lord* and glorify God for the many things He has done in *our* life.

**23** Elizabeth expressed a spirit of joy and happiness when Mary visited her—saying NKJV **Luke 1:43** “*Why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?*”

**24** Zacharias was filled with the Spirit AV **Luke 1:67** “*and prophesied, saying, 68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people.*”

**25** A right spirit in all times and seasons would praise God continually, because He has *not* forsaken us, but is still *with* us and *changing* our

attitudes to be different from the world's attitudes and responses.

**26** Praising God is for every season—AV Luke 2:13 “*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*”

**27** The Prince of Peace had come—bringing big changes, Christlike attitudes, and different desires from what we had—these changes can come to all who accept Him and who allow Him to do that spiritual work in their heart.

**28** After the manger visit—AV Luke 2:20 “*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.*”

**29** These humble shepherds realized the importance of the event so they responded in that way.

**30** AV Luke 2:25 “*And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.*”

**31** When the Holy Spirit is in our heart, we automatically praise God for all He has done and for the blessings we enjoy.

**32** All who had the Holy Spirit—Mary, Elizabeth, Zacharias, the angels, and Simeon all praised God NKJV Luke 2:29 “*Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word. 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation.*”

**33** A right attitude of praise to God for the eternal gift of salvation—made possible by Christ being born on earth—is for all seasons and all times.

**34** Every step the baby took moved Him closer to the Cross—where He would pay for our sins by the shedding of His Blood.

**35** The prophetess Anna had the right attitude that wanted to thank God continually. NIV Luke 2:37

*“She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.*

**36** 38 *Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.”*

**37** It all began by the arrival of the Lord Jesus—that is why we praise God. The Child became our Savior, who took our place on the Cross to give us the living Hope of living forever with Him in Paradise.

**38** It just takes a right attitude of wanting to trust God for all things in life.

**39** Many worshiped the new-born King, but we should always worship Him because of the eternal Gift God gave us in His Son—salvation is of the Jews, and it began in Bethlehem.

**40** It was a Gift that would mean eternal life for those willing to trust Him in believing faith.

**41** The first fruits of our music should praise God, as true worship comes from our heart. We should feel overwhelmed by all that God has already provided.

**42** It is similar to having friends and loved ones shower gifts on us for some special occasion—causing us to feel overwhelmed at the outpouring of love.

**43** We should feel overwhelmed at the eternal gift of salvation by faith in Christ that God has offered to us.

**44** And God has promised eternal life to all who love Him; trust Him; and accept His forgiveness by faith in the atoning Blood of His Son. He offers a safe and secure home.

**45** Cards were sent and gifts were given, but true worship comes from the heart. NIV Isaiah 29:13 “*These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*”

**46** The name of Jesus is written on gifts, cards, and letters—but true worship is about trusting Him every day for every thing.

**47** NKJV John 4:23 “*The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.*”

**48** True worship of the Father comes from a heart that is truly devoted and obedient to Him. The right attitude to retain is to worship God in our heart during every season of the year. AV Psalm 13:5 “*My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.*”

**49** The gift of life eternal is available to any one of any nation who will believe Him and trust Him for a Christlike attitude every day.

**50** God will give us a right spirit of this season and beyond, if we will place that request before Him at the start of every day.

**51** Through the Atonement of Christ, and with the help of His Spirit, let us keep everything in their proper perspective during this season and beyond—maintaining a Christ-like attitude toward everyone.

**52** NLT Hebrews 13:15 “*With Jesus' help, let us continually offer our sacrifice of praise to God by proclaiming the glory of his name.*

**53** 16 *Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with those in need, for such sacrifices are very pleasing to God.*”

**54** That is the right spirit for all seasons and beyond!

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