

POSITIVE SPIRITUAL ATTITUDE

PSA stands for Positive Spiritual Attitude. And that is what this column is about. PSA can brighten the outlook of everyday living. PSA can help during times of despair and disappointment. PSA is a formula for success because Jesus practiced it.

The New Testament is full of positive promises. Namely, Ephesians 3:20,21 says, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen" (NASB). This promise is not only for the spiritually mature, but for every Christian who desires to live a godly life.

When I was working a Youth Minister, the children ages 4 through the 4th grade continually surprised me with their great powers of imagination. I would always delight in their stories of events past or things made up. Each week they would have a new story to tell, experience to relate, or acquaintance they had made. They were never ending in their enthusiasm and joy about life and the circumstances around them.

As I reflect, I can't help but wonder what happened to our imagination? Surely those of us who are now married, have families, and life from an "older standpoint" must have had the same colorful, vivid imagination when we were younger. But what happened?

The point is that we sometimes limit God by looking at ourselves and not using our imagination. The Bible says in the verse above that God is able to do beyond what we imagine and He does it through the power that works in all of us. Let us not stop imagining things which can be accomplished by our own sweat and tears, but begin dreaming as if there is no tomorrow and realize, we "can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). God is faithful, and will allow us to know new heights of spiritual newness, whether it be of knowing ourselves better than before, or a better understanding of His immeasurable greatness.

God's promises do not stop within the pages of His written word. They go much farther than that; into the hearts and minds of those who truly serve Him out of love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith (1Tim. 1:5).

Jesus said we must become like little children to enter the kingdom of heaven (Mt. 18:3), therefore let us do so in expanding our imagination, like that of a little child, and think of all the great things God can do through us. Only the Bible tell us of the limits of His power in us, but not of any limits of His love and willingness for us to become all we can be.

Until next time, remember Ephesians 3:20,21 and PSA.