

**SERMON**  
**OF THE**  
**WEEK**

**Deacons 2016**

*“Attitude Determines  
Altitude”*



# Attitude Determines Altitude

**Attitude** *Incline* relative to ground.

*Nose up or nose down?*

*And a way  
of thinking*

ranging from

extremely positive

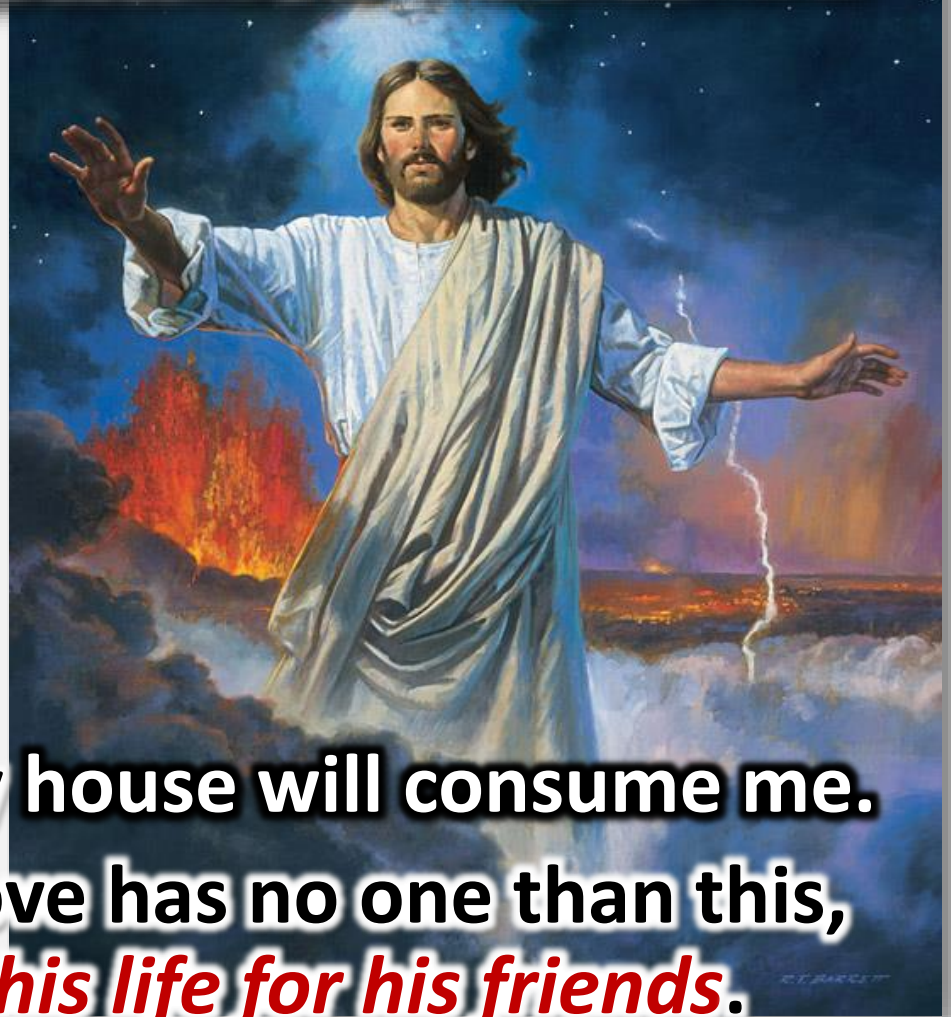
to extremely negative that affects our behavior.

**Altitude** *Elevation* or *height* relative  
to the ground or sea level.



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Phil 2:5 Have *This Attitude* in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.



John 2:17 *Zeal* for Thy house will consume me.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that one *lay down his life for his friends.*



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1. He Was *Secure*

Phil 2:6 Although He existed in the *form of God*, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped.

Ps 139:2f You know when I sit down, rise up..  
v.7 Where can I go from Thy Spirit

Form which is *intrinsic* and *essential*.

(Trench)

Isa 9:6

Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father

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## 2. He Was *Selfless*

**Phil 2:7** But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made *in the likeness of men.*



*Likeness:*  
Resemblance, sometimes so close it's practically identity.



Would you become a **worm** to save **worms?**  
(Ps 22:6)



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## 3. He Was *Submissive*

Phil 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He *humbled* Himself by *becoming obedient* to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Phil 2:14

Do all things *without grumbling or disputing.*

Eph 5:21 *Be subject* [yield] to one another in the fear of Christ [because we serve Him].

What does the **GROUP** want? Will you submit?  
Heb 13:17 Will you happily yield to the *elders*?

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Rom 14:19

Let us pursue the things which make *for peace* and the building up of one another.

A *dozen* names were suggested as potential deacons

Some are *moving* away. Some *can't* do it just now.

Some with a *few* suggesting can be looked at in a yr or 2.

Two names had between *79% - 86%* of the group recommending them. That suggests *greatest chance for success & least stress.*

# NAME OF THE MAN TO BE EVALUATED:

*Name of the Man*

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- |    | Yes                   | No                    | Other                 |   |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 1. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <u>Men of dignity</u> : Worthy of respect. Serious about serious matters...       |
| 2. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <u>Not double-tongued</u> : Sincere, Not deceitful in speech.                     |
| 3. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <u>Not addicted to much wine</u> : Drinking hinders one's judgment. (Prov 23:29f) |
| 4. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <u>Not fond of sordid gain</u> : Not fond of money gained unethically'            |



- Yes No Other
5.    **Faith in a clear conscience**: A Christian in belief & conduct in line with his faith
6.    **Beyond reproach**: No known charge of un-repent sin can be sustained.
7.    **Husband of one wife**: A one woman man, not less or more than one wife.
8.    **Good managers of their children**: Not flawless, but was caring & diligent in leading his children. *Note below*
9.    **Good managers of their households**: Diligent in looking after their affairs.

## 10. Wife of the Man Considered

Yes No Other

- 0  0  0 **Dignified**: Serious, character inspires respect or honor.
- 0  0  0 **Not malicious gossips**: Does not slander nor accuse falsely.
- 0  0  0 **Temperate**: Dependable, self-controlled.
- 0  0  0 **Faithful in all things**: Reliable, dependable, trustworthy in things spiritual.

\*Explain other: Area Unknown. Concerned. \_\_\_\_\_

I can work with the man if appointed deacon Y / N

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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John 7:24 Do not judge according to *appearance*, but judge with righteous judgment."

1 Pet 2:17  
*Honor* all men;  
*love* the  
brotherhood,  
*fear* God...

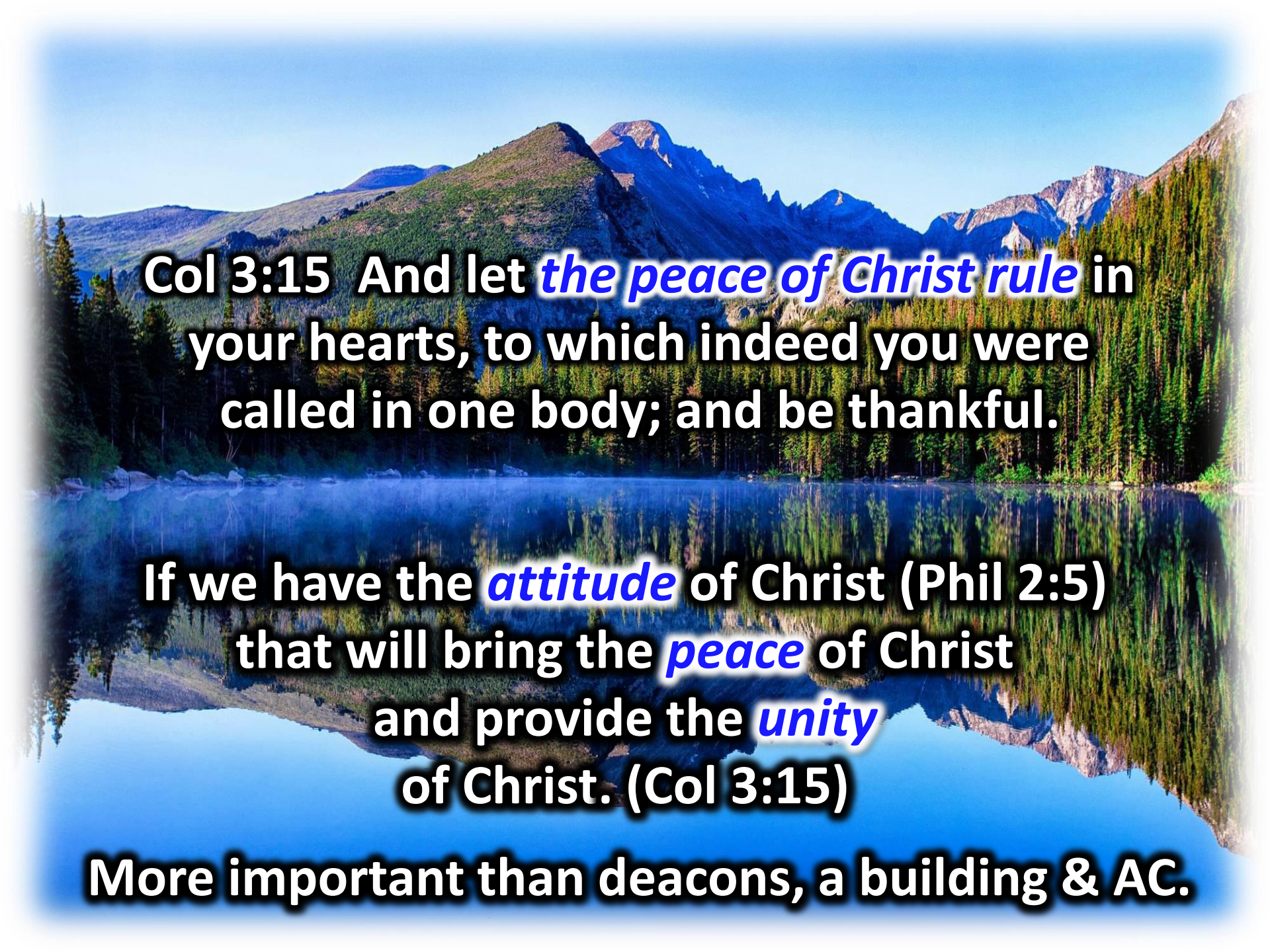
1 Cor 13:7 Love... *Bears* all things,  
*believes* all things, *hopes* all things.

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1 Cor 1:10 I exhort you *by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*, *that you all agree*, and there be *no divisions among you*, but you be made complete in the same *mind and in the same judgment*.



A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains in the background, some with rocky peaks and others covered in green vegetation. In the middle ground, a dense forest of tall evergreen trees stretches across the scene. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the mountains and trees, creating a mirror image of the landscape. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

Col 3:15 And let *the peace of Christ rule* in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

If we have the *attitude* of Christ (Phil 2:5) that will bring the *peace* of Christ and provide the *unity* of Christ. (Col 3:15)

More important than deacons, a building & AC.



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**Phil 2:5 We have the *Attitude* of Jesus:  
*Secure, selfless and submissive.***