

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

Attitudes are More Important

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When you cannot change the facts of an unwanted circumstance, you can change your attitude. Dr. Karl Menninger once observed, "Attitudes are more important than facts."

The Bible supplies us with a host of people who rose above their circumstances with wholesome attitudes. These people are easily recognized because of their great faith. The faith they possessed in God's power was so strong that they defied the facts against them as they moved on to victory. Moses led Israel out of Egypt to the promised land with a stick (Ex. 14). David killed a giant with a sling and a rock (I Sam. 17). Gideon and his 300 men attacked and put to flight 135,000 Midianite soldiers with trumpets and torches (Jud. 7, 8). Facts are not always important; attitudes are.

Satan can conquer you with fear and doubt when he succeeds in getting your mind off of your goals and on to your limitations. If he cannot, you will be able to overcome all of the facts that make victory seem impossible. Paul said, "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed" (2 Cor. 4:8,9). He also stated, "... in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

Paul was of the opinion that he could do all things through Christ who gave him strength (Phil. 4:13). So can you!

If you are always looking at yourself, most likely you are concerned about the facts. Keep your eyes on Jesus and the facts will not matter. In Jesus you can be more than a conqueror because of the love He has for you. You will be able to rise above the facts because attitudes are more important.

Note: There was no edition last week due Dolores in hospital to find cause of severe headaches. All tests were negative, this week we are seeing acupuncturist to relieve tension in shoulders and neck. Tomorrow, I go in for my 5th biopsy of prostate. Your prayers have been greatly appreciated.