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## **We are Not Our Own: Our Minds (Attitudes)**

### **A Fun Six Weeks**

### **Your Interim Pastor's Observations**

Positive Attitude

Negative Attitude

### **The Life Challenge**

Philippians 2:5-8

2 Corinthians 10:5

### **Jesus, The Life-Builder**

## **Personal Application**

1. The toughest part is to look inside ourselves.
2. The second toughest part is to submit to Christ.
3. Ask a friend: "Am I positive or negative?"
4. Pray: "Dear God, do Your work in my life."

## **Questions for Discussion and Further Reflection**

1. Would you consider yourself to be more of a positive person or more of a negative person? Would your family and friends call you a positive person or a negative person?
2. What life circumstances tend to make you say, "Yeah, but..."? What is in that word "but" for you? How often do you say "but" in everyday conversation?
3. What does anyone have to do to change their life from being more Self-made to God-made?
4. What resistance will anyone encounter in attempting to live a more God-made life?
5. The implication of 2 Corinthians 10:5 is that everyone, to a certain degree, has speculations and lofty things *raised up* against the knowledge of God. How strong and at what height does such a "structure" exist in your own mind?



**Positive Attitude**

- Others
- Hope
- Faith
- "Things will improve"

**A Fun Six Weeks:**

- Our Minds (Attitudes)
- Our Relationships & Friendships
- Our Time & Personal Disciplines
- Our Financial Resources
- Our Gifts & Talents
- Our Vocations

**Negative Attitude**

- Self
- Not pleasant
- "Yeah, but..."
- "Things won't improve"

**Your Interim  
Pastor's Observations**

**The Life Challenge**

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!"

Philippians 2:5-8

2 Corinthians 10:5

Demolish arguments & pretension

Captive, prisoner of war

Philippians 2:5-8

Verse 5: mindset

Verse 7: servant

Verse 8: humble



"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

2 Corinthians 10:5

Jesus, The Life-Builder

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