

# **AN ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE!**

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As we come into the **Thanksgiving season**, our recent **Celebrate Recovery** lesson was on **Gratitude**. One of the examples was Jonah in the fish. He had disobeyed God and was doing his own thing. It was when he got **thankful** to God (Jonah 2:9) and prayed, and became willing to obey God, that the fish spit him out on land. **Jonah had an attitude problem!** And it was only when he humbled himself, became **grateful** to God, willing to become obedient to God, that things got better!

**Attitude is so important!** As a **CR Ministry Leader** who has **seen lots of people**, I've seen people play the blame game like Adam in Genesis 3 "*It's that woman...*". People blaming everyone except themselves. Complaining. I've seen people get offended over all kinds of things. Then they shun people. They need Psalm 119:165 "*Great peace have they which love your law: and nothing shall offend them.*" I've seen people yell and scream at others, all over their own thing. It's embarrassing. They are making fools of themselves. I've seen people get all self-righteous and criticize and slam people, and gas-light people much like the Pharisees did with Jesus. Not even realizing they were the ones in the wrong. I've sadly seen people slam other people on social media, publicly.

**All of this stems from ATTITUDES! BAD ATTITUDES!** AND, a lack of **GRATITUDE** for all God has done for them. And all along the world watches and says "no thanks"!

**WHAT WE NEED** is **solid, stable, mature character in Christ** that shows forth **genuine love**. The fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5. That's how Jesus said the world will know we are His disciples. (John 13:35)

Time to **repent, grow up, and grab some GRACE** from God! **Amen!**