

6th Sunday (C)

- The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of 'attitude' on life.
- Attitude, to me, is more important than facts.
- It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say that I do; It's more important than appearance, giftedness or skill.
- It will make or break a company...a church...a relationship...a home.
- The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for the day.
- We can't change our past; we can't change the fact that people will act in a certain way; we can't change the inevitable.
- The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, & that is our attitude - I'm convinced that life is 10% what happens to me & 90% of how I react to it.
- We hear the question: "Is the glass half empty or half full?"
- The answer to that question reveals the fundamental attitude of the person answering the question.
- We know that attitude is more powerful than education.
- You can be highly educated & have a crummy attitude & won't solve the problem in front of you.
- Attitude is a more powerful force than money.
- You can have all the money in the world, but you can't buy the happiness inside your spirit.
- Some of the economically poorest people have the greatest attitude.
- Attitude is more powerful than circumstances.
- I have learned it long ago; it is not what happens to you but what you do with what happens to you that is important.
- Over time, tragedies can make you bitter or better.
- Attitude is more important than failures.
- We have heard stories of the many famous people who failed miserably in their first attempts at projects in their lives only to succeed later.
- Attitude is much more important than the failures we have all experienced - Attitude is more important than successes.
- Success can go to your head & you lose your drive.
- All you have to do is meet a successful athlete who has recently signed a huge contract & watch his performance go down the hill.
- Attitude is more important than appearance.
- We know the most beautiful people in the world, & that doesn't make much difference in the long run.
- Besides, time takes its toll on the physical beauty of everyone.
- Attitude is more powerful than giftedness, skill or talent.

- You can buy the most talented team of cricketers, football players, basketball players, but the team that wins usually has talent plus a winning, dedicated attitude. A talented team can't win without the right attitude.
- Life is 10% of what happens to you & 90% what you do with what happens to you. Attitude is crucial.
- It is with this mood that we approach the "BE-attitudes" of Jesus.
- You put a hyphen in the religious word, beatitude, & you get BE-attitude. Attitudes of being. Attitudes of existence.
- Attitudes for life & living. Jesus talked to his disciples about the fundamental attitudes of life, about the kind of people that God wanted his disciples to be.
- Jesus didn't talk about money; he didn't talk about health; he didn't talk about jobs & job security & job possibility; he didn't talk about kids & living one's life through one's children or grandchildren.
- Jesus did talk about the BE-attitudes, the fundamental attitudes of being, the basic attitudes of life & living.
- In the eyes of the world, the rich seem to be blessed by God, while the poor seem cursed.
- But Jesus spoke about the strange poverty of those who live for the wealth of this world, & the strange wealth of those who trust in God; the strange hunger of those whose only food is the food of this world, & the strange nourishment of those who seek the food that only God can give; the strange sadness of those who laugh, & the strange joy of those who know' how to weep; the strange happiness of those who are persecuted in the cause of right; the strange weakness of the strong, & the strange strength of the weak who put their trust in God.
- The rich tend to rely on their riches - For them it's this world that matters. God is more or less redundant, & the other world remote & hazy.
- The poor, on the other hand, turn to God instinctively.
- The poverty that is blessed is the poverty of those who put their trust in God rather than in material things.
- It is not good enough to be simply appalled by poverty - today's Gospel places at our feet the challenge to do something about the widening gap between rich and poor in our own country and around the world, in our prayer, in our careful use of resources, in what we spend our money on and how we vote for governments which might affect international change.
- The Beatitudes and warnings call us to become so transparently attentive to justice, development and peace for all people that what others see in the followers of Christ is precisely what they get.
- Only God can fill our emptiness; only God can satisfy the hunger of the human heart & only God who can move human hearts to create societies in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are blessed in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated by those who are motivated by the radical attitude of Jesus.