

NEW EVERY *Morning*

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control . . . Galatians 5:22–23 (nlt)

I just completed my thirtieth year as worship pastor at my church. It has been my greatest joy to serve the wonderful people of this fellowship. I was asked to share with our leaders some of the things I had learned over the past thirty years about life and ministry. I call these my “Be-Attitudes” for life and ministry.

- #1 BE DEVOTED—First, be a fully devoted follower of Christ. Whether it’s life or ministry, this is the foundation of your existence. Also, be devoted to your spouse and family. This is critical to your success.
- #2 BE DILIGENT—Work hard. Show up on time (or even early) and set the pace for others. Strive for excellence in everything you do. Don’t just be “good enough.” Give the best you can offer!
- #3 BE LOYAL—Be supportive of those in authority over you. Love them and always have their back.
- #4 BE FAITHFUL—Lead by example . . . people are watching. “The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness . . .”
- #5 BE HUMBLE—It’s not about you! Our job is to make God famous! “God sets Himself against the proud but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6).
- #6 BE KIND—Love people and treat them with respect. Let your speech be gracious. Look for the best in others.
- #7 BE OPTIMISTIC—Lead with a positive attitude . . . it’s contagious. People love to follow optimistic leaders.

1. What additional “Be-Attitudes” would you add to this list?

2. Which “Be-Attitudes” are the most difficult for you?

*Lord Jesus, let my life be a living example of Your love.
Let the fruit of the Holy Spirit be seen in me today. Amen.*