

## BIBLE STUDY

### I WILL (Lesson 3) By Thom Rainer

#### I will move from "I AM" to "I WILL"

Developing the Right Attitude is a stepping stone to saying I WILL to the Lord. We should have a good attitude about the church, a right attitude as a unifying church member and learn to become a unifying church member. As we continue this lesson about "I AM" (being) to "I WILL" (doing), we can make an attitude adjustment. Our attitude adjustment must begin with prayer.

I Am a Prayerful Church member ushers in The Right Attitude. Every church member should learn the value of prayer and implement a daily prayer life. A praying church will help guard us from the evil one, guide us into truth and govern us so that we can live a peaceful life. Private prayer will enrich us personally as the Holy Spirit governs us, while public prayer can enrich our society. Learn to pray with others. Let us pray on as we learn to say I WILL to the Lord.

I Am a Joyful Church member ushers in The Right Attitude. Grateful people are generally joyous people. A Joyous Church member has an attitude of gratitude. We must decide if we are going to be a Grumpy Church Member (GCM) or a Joyous Church Member (JCM). GCM's are people who are frustrated, critical and complainers while JCM's are grateful, gentle and generous. When we receive the gift of salvation we receive the gift of membership into the body of Christ, the church. This is a gift from God which we are grateful and it is demonstrated in our gentleness, generosity and graciousness.

I Am a Committed Church member ushers in the Right Attitude. Our attitudes are the foundation of our actions. If I am joyous I tend to be an encouraging person. If I am angry I tend to be a critical person. A committed church member is an active church member. They are consistently serving, sacrificing and supporting the church. Several years ago an active church member was defined as one who attended church three times a week. Today an active church member may be defined as one who attends church three times a month. This is reducing our church activity by 75%. Our spouse would not be happy if we decided to reduce our time with them by 75%. Think about how God feels when we reduce our time with Him. A committed church member attitude is reflected in their actions and affirmations.

Close with story of a prayerful, joyous and committed church member who moved from "I AM" to "I WILL".