VALUE FOR THE WEEK: “ATTITUDE & EFFORT”

ACTIVITY: The Thermostat & Thermometer

Romans 12:2: “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind…”

**Image Four: Thermometers vs Thermostats**

This is a picture of leadership: people are either thermometers or thermostats. They will merely reflect the climate around them, or they will set it. Leaders develop values and principles to live by and set the tone for others. They’re pace setters.

I. Remember when you first learned the difference between a thermometer and thermostat?

II. One reflects the climate; the other sets the climate. A leader’s calling is to be a thermostat.

III. Majority of the 6.4 billion people on earth are thermometers: They think, dress, talk, purchase, value, and act like others do. They merely reflect the cultural climate around them.

IV. But: can you think of someone you know who changes the tone of a room when they enter?

V. How? By setting and living by values. Their values are a guideline and guardrail on their journey.

VI. They are the horsepower behind major decisions. The “values” factor dictates their leadership.

VII. If they are missing—leadership can be hollow: Karl Marx’ dad; faulty values passed along

VIII. Dads may teach their kids honesty, but when phone rings they say: “Tell them I’m not here.”

IX. Values-driven leader: Truett Cathy, founder of Chick Fil A restaurants (Closed on Sunday)

X. Key: Inside thermostat is thermometer which reads climate before it sets climate, like good leaders.

**SELF ASSESSMENT**

Take a moment to do an honest evaluation on whether you “act” or “react” more often in life. Are you a thermostat who acts based on principles and values you embrace, or do you react to situations like a thermometer, reflecting the temperature in the room? Rate yourself below. Why did you give yourself that evaluation?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Thermometer Thermostat