

## For Older Scouts

### Positive Attitude

A good positive attitude can truly change the way you approach life, and your future. Let me illustrate with a short story.

A few years ago, there was a wildlife organization out west that offered a bounty of \$5000 for wolves captured alive.

Two friends, Sam and Jed, decided to make their fortune. Day and night, they scoured the mountains and forests looking for their valuable prey.

Exhausted one night, they fell asleep dreaming of their potential fortune.

Suddenly, Sam woke up a bit startled, and saw that they were surrounded by a huge pack of nearly 70 wolves with searing black eyes, and bared teeth. Low growls rumbling from their throats.

He slowly reached over and nudged his friend and said 'Jed, wake up! I think we're rich!'

Gentlemen, Sam had a positive attitude. I hope you do.

### Pray for Challenges Minute ■

What do you usually pray for?

Most people pray to be kept safe from bad things happening to them. They pray for an easier time of it, for health, and safety. These are all fine, but bad things will happen to everyone. Being able to handle those bad things and challenges that life includes is important.

Without challenges, you don't find your limits.

Without challenges, you don't expand your abilities.

Without challenges, you don't grow.

The next time you pray, you might pray for strength and guidance to overcome the challenges rather than to have no challenges at all.

### Reach for the Stars Minute ■

Who was the first person to walk on the moon?

(Armstrong)

Can anyone tell me who the second person was?

Colonel Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin was the second man to walk on the moon. He told a group of Eagle Scouts that man's exploration of space is as old as man himself. Man has explored, conquered, and studied the secrets of the jungles, mountains, and oceans.

He urged those scouts to obtain a well-rounded background in many fields of knowledge, then to select one field and strive for excellence in it.

"Set your goals high and settle for nothing less than accomplishment," he said.

If you want to aim for the stars, you must remember that you are building your launching pad right now by your willingness and initiative in every task and duty you take on - at home, in church, in school, and in Boy Scouts.

## UnSaying My Words Minute

### ◆ A Favorite Minute ◆

Once there were two Indian boys that were very good friends. They explored, fished, and hunted together. They were both great athletes and well-liked by all in their tribe.

In their village there was also a young girl that they both began to like and compete for. One of the boys, out of jealousy, told the girl that the other boy had done something very bad which would disgrace him and his family. This was completely untrue.

Afterwards, the boy felt ashamed of what he had done. He told the girl that he had lied and he apologized to his friend for what he had said.

But, as he walked around the village, he could hear others repeating the false words he had spoken about his friend. Very troubled by this, he went to the tribal medicine man for advice.

'How can I undo this terrible thing I have done?', he asked.

The wise man told him, 'Shoot 3 ducks and 3 geese. Pull off all their feathers and put them in a leather bag. Bring me the bag and the birds.'

The boy did this. He gave the birds to the wise man and the wise man said, 'Now, take the bag of feathers to the top of the great mountain, open it, and shake out all the feathers. Then, return here.'

The boy climbed the mountain, released all the feathers into the wind, and returned to the wise man.

The wise man said, 'Now, go back up the mountain and pick up every single feather you released and put them back in your bag.'

The boy replied, 'But, that is not possible. The feathers have blown far away. I can never recover all of them.'

The wise man said, 'So it is with your words.'

## What You See Is What You Get Minute

There once were two brothers that decided to leave their small town to see what life was like in the great world. They each set off on their own and soon one brother came to a big city. Outside the city, the first brother met an old man.

"How are the people here?" asked the first brother.

"Well, how were the people in your hometown?" asked the old man in return.

"Aw, they were always grumpy and dissatisfied," answered the first brother. "There wasn't a single one among them worth bothering about."

"Oh no," the old man said, "I'm afraid you'll find that the people here are exactly the same!"

Later the other brother who had taken a different route came to the big city and met the same old man.

"How are the people in this city?" he asked.

"How were the people in your hometown?" the old man asked as before.

"Just fine!" said the other brother. "Always cheerful, always kind and understanding!"

"I believe you will find that the people her are exactly the same!" said the old man again, for he was a wise old man who knew that the attitude of the people you meet depends up

### **What's Your Vision? Minute** ●

Did you know that a hawk can see a mouse on the ground from a mile away?

Did you know whales can talk to each other from hundreds of miles away?

Did you know a dog can sort out dozens of different smells all at the same time?

Pretty amazing stuff!

People can't do those things. We have terrible eyesight compared to a hawk. We have terrible hearing compared to a whale. We have poor smellers compared to a dog.

But, we humans do have the ability to do something none of these other animals can.

We have Vision - the ability to see into the future. That is, to see something you want to have happen in the future and take actions now to make it happen.

Animals just want to survive - that is their driving force from day to day. People want more from life. We want to BE somebody, we want to GO places, we want to EXPERIENCE life.

So, think about YOUR vision. What do you want to happen in the future? And, are you taking actions now to make that vision a reality? It's up to you.on your own state of mind.

If you are a cheerful, friendly scout, you'll find others the same.

### **Winners and Losers Minute** ●

A Winner doesn't always Win but a Loser always Loses.

A Loser resents those that are better than him while a Winner respects them and tries to learn from them.

A Loser says, "Theres No Way" while a Winner says, "Lets Find a Way".

A Loser tries to get around a problem while a Winner works through a problem.

A Loser is too busy to work while a Winner works hard and has free time.

A Loser says, "Thats the way its always been done" while a Winner says, "There should be a better way".

A Loser says, "Im Sorry" but doesn't change while a Winner shows he's sorry by making up for it.

A Loser makes promises while a Winner makes commitments.

A Loser may be afraid of winning but a Winner is never afraid of losing.

## Words To Live By - a true story Minute ■

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Robert Louis Stevenson, the famous author of Treasure Island and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde suffered throughout his short life from respiratory illness and he spent many years looking for a climate that would cure him. He died of tuberculosis at the age of 41 and is buried on Samoa.

In spite of his considerable suffering he had twelve positive attitude tips that he lived by that I would like to share with each of you. They are still incredibly good rules to live by.

1. Make up your mind to be happy, learn to find pleasure in simple things.
2. Make the best of your circumstances. Everyone has problems. The trick is to make laughter outweigh the tears.
3. Don't take yourself too seriously, Don't think that somehow you should be protected from misfortunes that befall others.
4. You can't please everybody. Don't let criticism worry you.
5. Don't let your neighbor set your standards. Be Yourself.
6. Do the things you enjoy doing but stay out of debt.
7. Don't borrow trouble. Imaginary burdens are harder to bear than the actual ones.
8. Hate poisons the soul, so don't carry grudges, avoid people who make you unhappy.
9. Have many interests. If you can't travel, read about new places.
10. Don't hold post mortems. Don't spend your life brooding over sorrows and mistakes.
11. Do what you can for those less fortunate than yourself.
12. Keep busy at something. A busy person never has time to be unhappy.

As each of you lives your life, remember his advice. Your attitude towards any given situation you encounter will almost always affect you far more than the situation. Attitude is everything in life.