



Key Scripture:

Matthew 21:23 NKJV

**"By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?"**

### A Change of Attitude

Genesis 31:1-2 NLT

But all Jacob soon learned that Laban's sons were grumbling about him. "Jacob has robbed our father of everything!" they said. "He has gained his wealth at our father's expense." 2

And **Jacob began to notice a change in Laban's attitude toward him.**

### Signs of a bad attitude

✓ **Grumbling & Murmuring**

Genesis 31:1a NLT

Jacob soon learned that Laban's sons were **grumbling about him.**

✓ **Assumptions & Accusations**

Genesis 31:1b NLT

**"Jacob has robbed our father of everything!"** they said.

"He has gained his wealth at our father's expense."

✓ **Unkind Treatment**

Genesis 31:2 NLT

And **Jacob began to notice a change in Laban's attitude toward him.**

### Overcoming Bad Attitudes

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 Message

3 The world is unprincipled. It's dog-eat-dog out there! The world doesn't fight fair.

But we don't live or fight our battles that way — never have and never will.

4 The tools of our trade aren't for marketing or manipulation, but they are for demolishing that entire massively corrupt culture. 5 **We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ.**

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# Authority

## To Change Attitudes

### Authority over a bad attitudes...

#### 1. Put yourself in a place to hear **direction** from the Lord.

Genesis 31:3 NKJV

Then **the Lord said to Jacob,**

"Return to the land of your fathers and to your family, and **I will be with you.**"

Matthew 6:33 NKJV

But **seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,**  
and all these things shall be added to you.

#### 2. Be **agreeable** and **pray** for those who hurt you.

Genesis 31:44 NCV

**Let us make an agreement,** and let us set up a pile of stones to remind us of it.

Luke 6:27-28 NLT

27 "But **to you who are willing to listen,**  
I say, **love** your enemies! **Do good** to those who hate you.  
28 **Bless** those who curse you. **Pray** for those who hurt you.

#### 3. Live out your God created **identity.**

Genesis 32:28 NKJV

And He said,

**"Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel;**  
for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

Matthew 5:48 Message

In a word, what I'm saying is, Grow up. You're kingdom subjects.  
Now live like it. **Live out your God-created identity.**

**Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.**

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