

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

Ten-year-old Andrew stumbled while boarding the school bus one morning and bruised his cheek on the stair.

But he got up, brushed himself off, looked out at his dad, who was standing in the driveway, and gave him a thumbs-up.

Later that morning, the school called his father to say that Andrew ran head-first into another student during physical education. He had a nasty bump on his forehead, but otherwise, seemed OK. In fact, the nurse informed his dad that Andrew was more concerned about the other student.

That afternoon, before he could board the school bus to return home, Andrew broke his wrist when he slipped on some ice and fell.

“Poor kid is having a tough day,” Andrew’s father thought as he rushed to the hospital. He hoped his son wouldn’t be scared or in too much pain.

Yet, he arrived at the emergency room to find his Andrew chattering away with one of the nurses. Andrew perked up even more as he noticed his father approaching.

“Dad, look,” Andrew said, clutching a dollar in his hand. “I found this when I fell. Today is my lucky day!”

That certainly is one way to think of it!

What about you? When you’ve had a day similar to Andrew’s – or worse – how did you react? Mumbling and complaining? Or did you find something good, learn something worthwhile, because of what happened to you?



More than likely, you would agree that attitude is everything. It is refreshing when we hear confident, encouraging words and see positive actions taken by others, but it is a downer to be around gloomy, cynical people.

W. Clement Stone, a businessman, philanthropist, and New Thought self-help book author, said this about attitude:

“There is little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative.”

Let’s choose to see the world through a positive perspective.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter