

Actions vs. Attitudes

To change the way
people act,
first alter their
attitudes.

Attitudes are the branches;
actions, the leaves.
Attitudes are the stems;
actions, the flowers.
Attitudes are the reservoirs;
actions, the streams.

Proscription of bad actions
without conversion
of evil attitudes
is ineffectual.
Exhortation of good actions
without the presence
of proper attitudes
is undesirable.

Actions are on
the surface;
attitudes lie
much deeper.
Actions are seen
from the outside;
attitudes are discerned
from within.
Actions are expositions;
attitudes are dispositions.

Realize, therefore, that
repentance
is not merely sorrow
for actions,
but also a reform
of attitudes.

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