

Dirt Part 3: Attractional

(Genesis 3:19 MSG) “You started out as **dirt**, you’ll end up **dirt**.”

(Titus 2:1,10 NIV) “You, however, must teach what is **appropriate** to sound doctrine... so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior **attractive**.”

Unattractional

- ✓ **Narcissistic people.**
- ✓ **Restrictive people.**
- ✓ **Mean people.**
- ✓ **Complicated people.**
- ✓ **Fake people.**

Attractional

(1 Corinthians 15:45 NLT) “The Scriptures tell us, “The first man, Adam, became a living person.” But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a **life-giving Spirit**.”

(John 12:32 MSG) “And I, as I am lifted up from the earth, will **attract** everyone to me and **gather them** around me.”

1. God’s presence.

(Psalm 16:11 NIV) “You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your **presence**, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”

(Psalm 122:1 NIV) “I was **glad** when they said to me, **let us go** to the house of the Lord.”

2. Unconditional love.

(John 3:16 NIV) “For God **so loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

(Romans 5:8 NIV) "But God **demonstrates** his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

3. Laughter.

(Proverbs 17:22 NLT) "A cheerful heart is good **medicine**."

(Proverbs 15:13 NLT) "A glad heart makes a **happy face**."

(Proverbs 15:15 NLT) "For the happy heart, life is a **continual feast**."

4. Simplicity.

(Acts 15:8-11 NLT) "God knows people's hearts, and he confirmed that he accepts Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. He made no distinction between us and them, for he cleansed their hearts through faith. So why are you now **challenging God by burdening** the Gentile believers with a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors were able to bear? We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus."

(Acts 15:13,19 NLT) "When they had finished, James stood and said, "Brothers, listen to me... my judgment is that **we should not make it difficult** for the Gentiles who are turning to God."

5. Honesty.

(1 John 1:8, 10 NIV) "**If we claim to be without sin**, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us... **If we claim we have not sinned**, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us."

(1 John 1:9 NIV) "If we **confess our sins** (honest), he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

(John 3:3 NLT) "Jesus replied, "**I tell you the truth**, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."