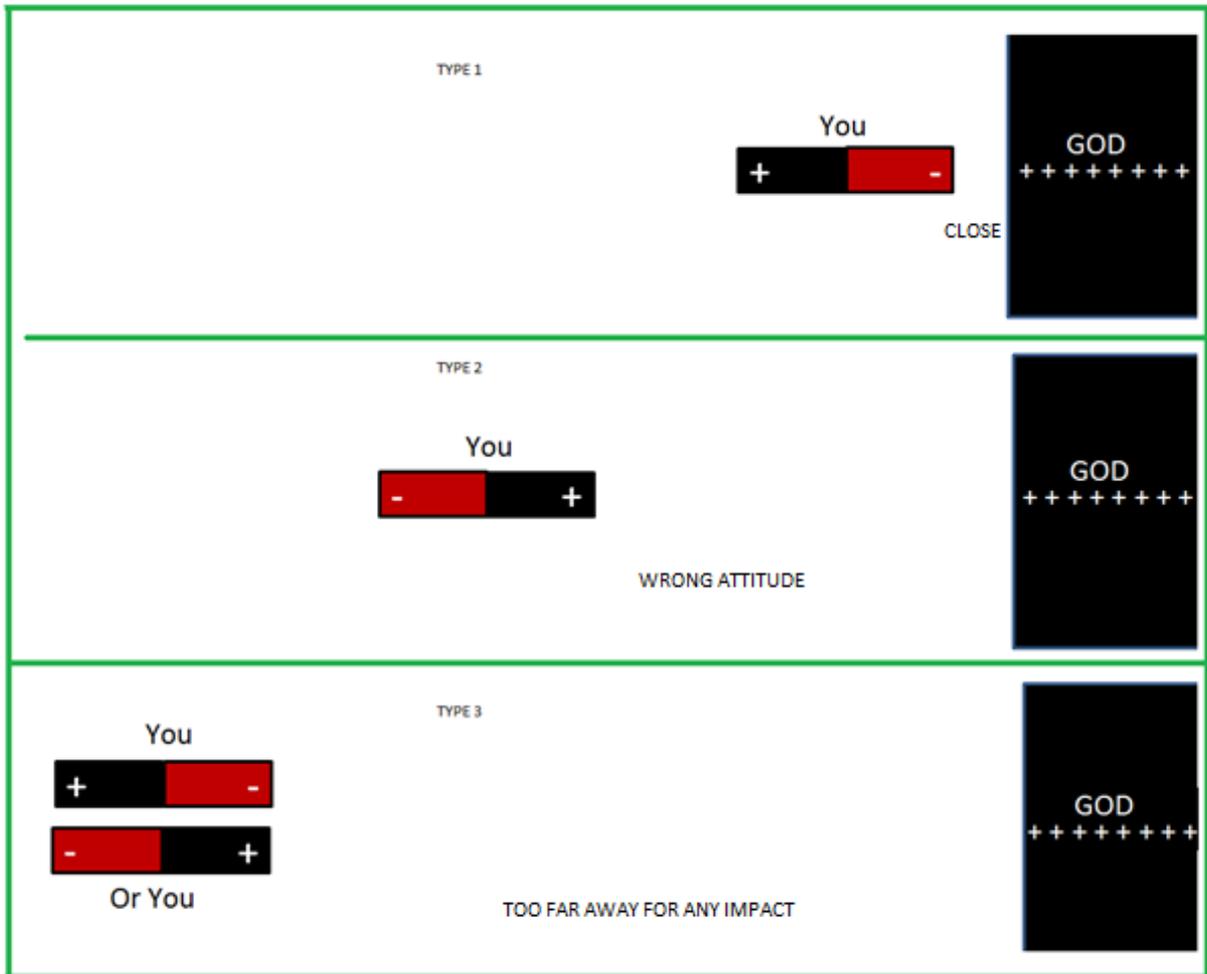


# OPPOSITES ATTRACT



Type 4...

## OBJECTIVE:

To explain the above heading and diagrams



## 1) INTRODUCTION:

A short article to explain the three types of people in the diagram above, namely:

- **Type 1** = Those that believe in God, but are experiencing **Negative** things in life
- **Type 2** = Those that believe in God and are experiencing too **Positive** things in life
- **Type 3** = Those that do Not believe in God, either experiencing **Negative** things or **Positive** things in life

## 2) WHO IS WHO

### 2.1 TYPE 1:

Those who believe in God and who are going through difficult times in life, tend to get closer to God. Could this be for help, guidance or to seek comfort? Have we not seen a huge spike in religious notes/messages on Facebook during the Covid Pandemic? All of a sudden people turn to God...

The diagram above shows God as the huge Positive mono-pole and a person being Negative of life due to many issues and challenges in their life. Just like a magnet, they are drawn to the opposite charge, hence “opposites attract”.

### 2.2 TYPE 2:

Life is great, things are going well, you believe that you are on top of the world, in full control of your life and do not need God! You are Positively charged and tend to automatically move away from God, not needing Him! When everything is going well for you, how many people tend to regularly consult and seek God’s guidance? People in these positions tend to “forget” God, they do not need Him, they can control their own life and things are going so well? They focus on the money, fame, glam and fortune instead.

### 2.3 TYPE 3:

Those who do not believe in God are always too far away from God for any impact, no matter their circumstances! Whether they are experiencing problems or whether everything is going well for them, they do not think of God! (in fact, when things go bad, they may even blame the “god”).



### 3) LESSAONS LEARNT

Only God can answer these questions below, although many people try and answer them!

1. **So does God allow bad things to happen to us?** Bad things like Covid, Tsunamis and earthquakes! Perhaps not all, because God has left man to exercise free will and Man's bad decisions often caused his own fate. **Examples:** man eating endangered wildlife animals and keeping them in terrible conditions before the slaughter, resulting in the spread of viruses? Man developing technology that causes global warming and the resulting climate changes bring drought, tornados, floods, hail storms, landslides...
2. **So does God allow us to experience negative things/times to make us know we need God in our lives?** It is really funny how many people only run to God (and think of Him) in times of need and not spending most times close to Him! And then there are those that never or almost never think of God, but when their lives are in danger, they start praying! The bottom line is that in times of need, believers often run to God for help and protection. When things are going well, they "worship" the money and possessions they have and accumulate and not God, so perhaps the answer lies in Bible verses like these:

*"I am the Lord thy God! Thou shalt have no other Gods but me!" –FIRST Commandment!*

God clearly states that He is a jealous God and wants our attention! Well, this may not sound very "godlike", but He made us, He created everything and perhaps there is a "hidden" or indirect reason to help us stop worshipping money, fame and fortune! Because of the above Commandment, we are steered away from messing up our lives running after money, fame and fortune and in the process exposes to Temptations (Temptations to break the law, steal, corruption, even murder and even looking down on poor people). Here are a few verses on "jealousy":

*"You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me" - Exodus 20:5*

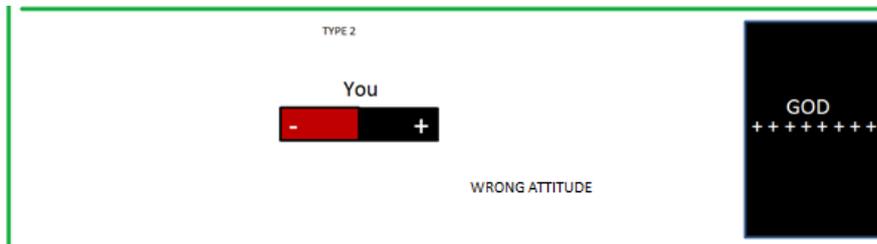
*"—for you shall not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God—" – Exodus 34:14*

*"For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God" - Deuteronomy 4:24*

So in "good" times, believers forget about God or spend less time with Him. For some reason they only need God in bad times or when they want something, which is the wrong reasons to then consult God! I am just as guilty and then we expect results...

Does this mean that rich people in affluent neighbourhoods, cities and countries have bigger challenges? Probably, because why do they need God if everything is going so well?

**Matthew 19:23** clearly provides an answer to this...



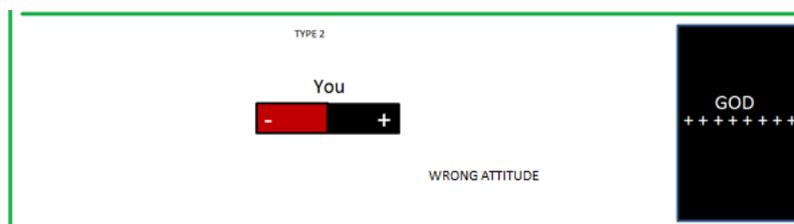
Ishhh, what a challenge for the Rich! Can people then never have a lot of things? But there were rich people in the Bible! I do not want to answer this one directly, but let me give pointers:

- We can be rich if we maintain the correct attitude

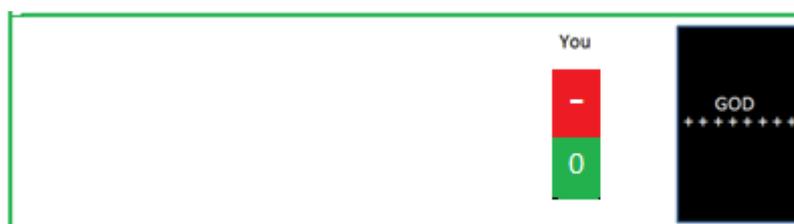
What is this “attitude”? It is actually an article for another day, but:

- If you work hard, you deserve things, but in the process, do not spend all your time on that mission, give time to God, family, friend
- In the process of becoming rich, make sure you treat your staff well
- In the process of becoming rich, make sure it is done ethically
- In the process of becoming rich, do not harm nature
- When becoming rich, do not make it an obsession
- When rich, give back

**Bottom line:** Do not become too Positive over money, fame and fortune, else you WILL repel or be repelled from God!



Maintain the correct attitude:



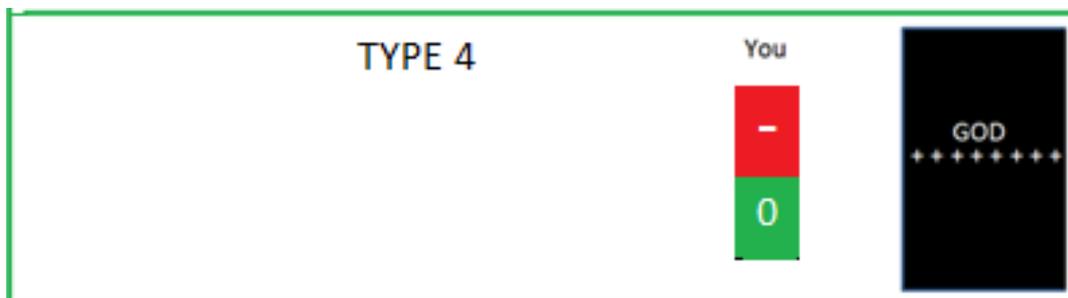


Do not become TOO POSITIVE, stay neutral.

Finally, the non-believers are so far away from God that their negative or positive experiences of life do not have an impact! In good or bad times, they just do not think of God. They will never at least have a "Type 1" experience, shame. Non-believers also have no hope for life after death, because their belief system is that we accidentally "evolved" from mud with no Soul and Spirit and when they die, they become worm food and that's the end, just funny why they still have a value system... (if I was a non-believer, I would steal and cheat to get the most money, sleep around as much as possible, not worry about anybody in need and enjoy the best drink and food possible to ensure a best "one-life" on earth, but that is an article for another day).

#### 4) IN CONCLUSION

What type should you be? The answer is none of the above! There is one more type we should aspire to be, but the challenge is that just like magnets repel each other, we might automatically move away from God. Almost get repelled automatically. Type 4 should look like this:



In bad times it is OK to become **Negative**, as you will be pulled to the **Positive God**, but when things go well for you, do not become Too positive and Arrogant, stay neutral (we all know what God thinks of Arrogance, an article for another day).