

# Teachability Bible Study

## Why is it important to be teachable?

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Would your mom or dad describe you as teachable? Why or why not?

Why do we blow off some authorities in our lives?

## Why do we find it hard to be teachable?

- Pride (know-it-all-attitude) - Is. 5:21
- Pre-occupation with this world (the trash and trivia of life) - Pro. 15:14
- Laziness - Pro. 24:30-34; James 1:22-24
- Disciple - The embodiment of teachability is a disciple because the word means "learner."
- We will never trust God unless we know Him and we won't know Him unless we are teachable and open to learning.

## Characteristics of a Learner

- Heart for the Lord
- Available
- Open (1 Cor. 2:11)
- Humble (Psa. 139:23, 24; Pro. 18:2, 17:27,28)
- Seeks out and listens to counsel. Pro. 12:15; Prov. 1-10

- Is open to rebuke (Pro. 12:1; I Pet. 5:6)
- Has a heart ready to obey (Heb. 5:11-13)

### **Practical Tips to Becoming A Learner**

- Ask God to make you a learner and be your foremost teacher
- Make good observations – Pro. 6:6-11; Phil. 4:9
- Take good notes
- Be a good listener.
- Formulate and ask penetrating questions
- God puts a high premium on wisdom. Pro. 2:1-5
- Seek out a godly, mature mentor who will agree to help you. Heb. 13:17
- Spend time with godly people who are further along the road of life than you are.  
Pro 13:20

### **How To Respond to Rebuke/Reproof**

When someone shares an area of reproof/correction, do not respond defensively at that moment. Do not point out the other person's faults at that time. Perhaps you had a good reason, but now is not the time to defend yourself. Thank the person and at a later time, when you have had time to think it thru and pray about the situation, you can return and humbly clarify the situation if need be.

### **Rejecting Counsel**

You have approached someone for counsel on an issue, but, after thought and prayer, don't think what you hear from them is what God would have you do. Go back, after you have made your contradicting decision, and again thank them and tell them that you appreciate their counsel, but \_\_\_\_\_ is what you feel God would have you do. They are not God and should realize that the final responsibility before God is yours for this decision. Pro. 11:14