



Teachability | Application


READ: Proverbs 4:11

When we faithfully follow God's instructions, our lives become an example of Christ-likeness for others to follow. However, each area of our lives that fails to mirror God's Word may potentially stumble others in their spiritual walk.

 **ACTION:** For this reason, spend time this week considering your personal level of teachability. Prayerfully consider the answer to each question below, allowing God to evaluate your teachability.


- Are you consistently inviting God to penetrate your heart and life with His truth?
- Do you study God's Word to merely gain knowledge or for the purpose of personal application?
- Do you welcome biblical input from others concerning issues in your life?
- Are you intentionally placing yourself in positions to learn from godly examples?
- Do you tend to talk more than listen?
- Are you easily offended by the constructive criticism of others; or do you take each comment to the Lord, allowing Him to show you whether the criticism reflects His truth?

 Ask God to make you sensitive to specific issues in your life that may prevent you from accepting and walking in truth. Then, invite the Holy Spirit to show you ways to increase your level of teachability.

 **WRITE:** List below some intentional, practical habits you plan to establish this week to become increasingly teachable.

Acts 8:26-29


Philip, who was open to being used of God, followed the Spirit's lead by engaging the Ethiopian in conversation.

 How would you explain the significance of being teachable when it comes to recognizing the Holy Spirit's prompting?

Acts 8:30-31

Phillip could have said, "I'm here to tell you about Jesus." But, instead, he opened the conversation with this question, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The answer to this question and the actions of the Ethiopian revealed his teachability. We, also, can show people that their input is valued by asking questions. Answers to questions provide insight into what each person might be thinking and their level of receptiveness or teachability.

Although we want people to walk in obedience to Christ, in order for God's Word to have effect, a person must first receive it.

 For this reason, ask the Lord to enable you to develop the habit of promoting teachability in others by asking questions rather than quickly providing answers.

✍ List those things that could tempt you to provide people with immediate answers rather than slowing down and engaging them with questions.

✍ The practice of asking questions can prove valuable in discipleship. Provide an example of you practicing this habit:

📄 **Acts 8:32-34**

The Ethiopian's follow-up question shows that he remained in a position of teachability.

📄 **Acts 8:35**

Philip began with the passage the Ethiopian was reading, as a starting point, to tell him about Jesus. In other words, Philip was sensitive and intentional to meeting the Ethiopian at the spiritual place he was in, rather than beginning with truth Philip wanted him to hear.

➡️ **FISHING FOR MEN:** Why is this significant when making disciples?

📄 **James 1:22-25; Proverbs 16:16**

TRUE | FALSE: A person can have knowledge of a specific subject without personal experience of the same subject.

Please be mindful that those you disciple may be familiar with Scripture, know how to locate books in the Bible, and be able to quote verses from memory. But knowledge of truth doesn't necessarily mean that a person has personal understanding and experience of walking out that truth in their daily life.

✍ How would you explain to others the significance of being teachable in order to avoid self-deception?

➡️ **Psalm 25:4, 86:11**

In discipling others, we cannot make someone teachable. But we can promote teachability. List below some practical ways to promote teachability in others.

📻 **TO ENCOURAGE:** Teach me, O Lord, to follow Your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. (**Psalm 119:33**)