

Big Faith
#1: Practical Teaching

How Practical Teaching Can Build Our Faith

1. Have _____ in mind when listening

Matthew 7:24,26 *Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock...But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.*

Key: My life pleases God when I _____ what I've learned

2. Develop _____

Matthew 11:29 *Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

a) Figure out if you are _____

Proverbs 29:1 *For people who hate discipline and only get more stubborn, there'll come a day when life tumbles in and they break, but by then it'll be too late to help them.*

b) Develop _____

Ephesians 4:2 *Always be humble and gentle.*

c) Realize we can _____

3. Add more _____

a) Attend _____

b) Listen to one _____

Matthew 17:20 *"You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."*

**Read the "Sermon on the Mount" in Matthew 5-7*

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Characteristics of an unteachable spirit

- *Do people call me stubborn?
- *Do I repeat my mistakes or hear myself say, "Why does this always happen to me?"
- *Do I have few close friends?
- *Do I like to argue?
- *Do I regularly have fights?
- *Do I have broken relationships?
- *Am I willing to seriously consider opposing opinions?
- *Do I get angry when people disagree?
- *Do I dismiss other people's opinions?
- *Is anyone willing to follow me?

10 thoughts to help us discover if we are teachable:

See if you can answer Yes or No to these statements:

1. I am willing to listen more than talk.
2. I admit when I am mistaken.
3. I observe before acting on a situation.
4. I desire information more than answers.
5. I enjoy asking questions.
6. I am open to suggestions and new ideas.
7. I feel comfortable asking for advice or directions.
8. I am patient and a willing "Student."
9. I enjoy reading for information that is practical and applicable.
10. I can appreciate criticism without being deeply wounded.

Acts 20:20 *You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you...*

Matthew 4:23 *Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues...*

Matthew 5:2 *...and he (Jesus) began to teach them.*