

Your Attitude, Your Life

#3: How To Replace An UnTeachable Attitude

1. _____ in your mind

1 Peter 5:5 *Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

Proverbs 11:2 *When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.*

- a) I _____
- b) I know I'm _____
- c) I need to apologize for _____
- d) Many of their _____

2. _____

Proverbs 4:5 *Get wisdom, get understanding...*

Matthew 28:19 *Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations...*

- a) Let _____ mentor you

Proverbs 13:20 *Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.*

- b) Ask _____
- c) Set _____

3. Accept _____

Proverbs 10: 8 *The wise are glad to be instructed*

Proverbs 12:1 *Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.*

Proverbs 12:15 *The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.*

- a) Evaluate _____
- b) Look for _____
- c) Ask trusted friends _____

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?

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- How is criticism given? Was this spoken out of retaliation, in a judgmental spirit, or out of love?
- Why is it given? Was it given out of hurt or for your benefit?
- Does this person criticize me regularly or is it uncommon? If they do not offer criticism very often we should probably pay attention to what they are saying. On the other hand people who criticize frequently probably just have a critical spirit, and just like to put others down rather than truly help them.
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Proverbs 9:1-6 (To those who lack good judgment – ever made a bad decision? One you would like to do over? Judgment. – Vs 6 – If you have a teachable spirit, that's what you can have.)

Prov 9:8 So don't bother correcting mockers; they will only hate you. But correct the wise, and they will love you – Do you love correction?

Prov 9:9 Instruct the simple, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous and they will learn even more (TEACHABLE!!!) Do you learn?

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Proverbs 19:20 *Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.*

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- Proverbs 16:18** *Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.*

Proverbs 18:12 *Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.*

Take up my yoke upon you, and learn of me, because I am meek, and humble of heart: And you shall find rest to your souls."

Matthew 11:29 (DRB)

"A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher." Luke 6:40

[Acts 28:27](#) For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

Questions to ask ourselves to determine where if any truth is in the criticism:

- How is criticism given? Was this spoken out of retaliation, in a judgemental spirit, or out of love? Another question to clarify how it was given is:
- When was it given? Public or private. If it was given in public it can probably be ignored because someone truly doing it in love will talk with you behind closed doors.
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He had 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.

1. What Are Unteachable People Like?

- A. They think they have learned enough
- B. They tune out instruction
- C. They make excuses for their behavior and attitudes (Like Moses Ex. 4:10-15)

No matter where you lack W in life, there’s always someone who knows where to tinker & how to fix it. The problem isn’t finding the person, too often the problem is we don’t ask for help. Humil. says”I don’t know everything”,

How do you respond when pple give you advice?

A wise man learns by the experience of others. An ordinary man learns by his own experience. A fool learns by nobody’s experience.