

THE TREASURE OF A TEACHABLE SPIRIT

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Proverbs 12:1

1. General Truths About the Importance of Having a Teachable Spirit

2. Five Characteristics of an Unteachable Spirit

- a. Chronic Failure
- b. An Argumentative and Defensive Nature
- c. Isolation and Withdrawal in Time of Difficulty
- d. Blame Transfer
- e. Surrounding Yourself With People Who Agree With You and Feeling Threatened by Those of Differing Opinions

Matthew 7:7–8; John 16:13 (NIV); Proverbs 9:8–9, 13; Proverbs 21:9; Proverbs 18:1–2

3. Five Root Causes of an Unteachable Spirit

- a. Pride
- b. Rebellion and Independence
- c. Insecurity
- d. Foolishness
- e. Laziness

Isaiah 53:6; Proverbs 16:18; James 4:6; Ephesians 5:21; Proverbs 22:15; 15:14; 26:16; 13:4

4. The Four Characteristics of a Teachable Spirit

- a. Humility
- b. Graciously Accepting Correction and Input
- c. Seeking Wise Counsel and Input in Times of Decision, Difficulty or Chronic Failure
- d. Submitting to Authority and Staying Accountable

Proverbs 9:8; Proverbs 11:14; Proverbs 15:22

What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?

All scripture is from the New King James Version unless otherwise noted.

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