

Tonight's Lesson: "A Leader With a Different Spirit"

Introduction:

1. Daniel is a wonderful example of a leader with a different spirit.
 - *"Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm."* **Daniel 6:3**
2. Many leaders possess a haughty spirit, but God is looking for leaders with a **humble** spirit. Proverbs 16:18-19, 29:23
3. A leader with a humble spirit will always possess a **teachable** spirit. Proverbs 9:8-9

I. A leader with a teachable spirit has accepted the following facts:

- A. "I don't **know** everything."
 - There is so much to learn in regards to the Christian life. Romans 15:4
 - *"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them."* **2 Timothy 3:14**
 - **Christ** is our example. Hebrews 5:8
 - *"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."* **Luke 2:52**
- B. "Other people know things that I do **not** know." Philippians 4:9
- C. "God uses other **people** to teach me." Proverbs 27:5-6

II. What are the Biblical characteristics of those with a teachable spirit?

- A. They have learned to love **instruction**. Proverbs 9:9, 12:1
- B. They have learned to love people who **give** them instruction. Proverbs 9:8
- C. They possess a contrite, tender **heart**. Psalm 34:18
 - *"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."* **Isaiah 57:15**
- D. They are constantly looking for better **ways** and open to new **ideas**.
 - A godly leader has learned the Biblical art of **listening**. Proverbs 17:27-28, 18:13

III. What are the characteristics of those with a non-teachable spirit?

- A. They get very **defensive** when confronted by someone else. Proverbs 29:1, Jeremiah 5:3
- B. They become **bitter** at those who try to give them instruction. Proverbs 1:7, 9:7-8, 15:10,12
- C. They have a problem **admitting** wrong-doing. Jeremiah 6:16, 7:23-24

IV. Why do people possess a non-teachable spirit?

- A. **Parents** who never corrected. Proverbs 22:15, 29:15,17
- B. **Pride**. Proverbs 13:10, 29:23
- C. A problem with **authority**. Proverbs 17:10-11

V. Here are some Biblical principles that will help us to develop a teachable spirit:

- A. **Light** is not your enemy. John 3:19-21
- B. **Truth** is your friend. John 8:32
 - Truth is sometimes **painful**, but it's always your friend.
- C. Instruction is your **life**-line. Proverbs 4:13, 5:12-13,23, 12:1, 13:18
- D. **Rebuke** is God's hammer and chisel. Proverbs 13:1, 27:5-6
 - *"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."* **2 Timothy 4:2**
 - *"This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith."* **Titus 1:13**
 - *"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."* **Revelation 3:19**