



THE KEY TO GROWING & CHANGING IN 2013

Acts 18:24-28

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- Living things _____!
- God's plan is for the believer to grow and _____.
- *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* **2 Corinthians 5:17**
- *"Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning."* **Proverbs 9:8-9**
- Every believer must possess a teachable spirit. Why is this so crucial?
- A teachable spirit is so critical to our spiritual growth:

First, because no individual believer knows _____ spiritual truth

- Christ is such an example of humility in this area.
- *"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."* **Luke 2:52**
- *"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered."* **Hebrews 5:8**

Second, because others know _____ that I do not know yet

- Apollos was instructed in God's Word and in the way of the Lord to a certain point.

- Apollos was lacking understanding regarding the present dispensation of grace.
- Aquila and Priscilla knew truth that Apollos did not know.

**Third, because God uses other people to _____
me**

- When Aquila and Priscilla heard Apollos speak in the synagogue, it says that they *“took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.”* vs. 26
- The word *“expound”* means “to _____.” They literally revealed truth to Apollos that he had never been exposed to.
- *“Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.” Proverbs 27:5-6*

- If we are to grow and change spiritually in 2013, it will take an Apollos-like spirit. We must possess a teachable spirit.
- Truth is always your _____.
- Instruction is our _____-line. When you quit learning, you quit growing. Remember, living things grow and change. Let's learn and grow in 2013!