
Keys to Teachability

- **Change our mental models.**

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you may prove what is God's will, his good, pleasing and perfect.

- **Change our action models.**

Matt. 28:19 ...Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey everything...

- **Real growth comes from application.**

Ezra 7:10 Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.

- **Real growth comes from precept or pain.**

Psalms 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word. (71) It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your statutes.

2 Tim. 3:16 All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuke, correction, and training in righteousness.

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Teachability's Blessings

- **Wisdom.**

■ *Proverbs 19:20 Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.* ■

Proverbs 6:20 My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. ²² When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you.

■ *Proverbs 19:16 He who obeys instructions guards his life, but he who is contemptuous of his ways will die.* ■

- **Extended life and prosperity.**

■ *Proverbs 3:1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, ² for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.* ■

Proverbs 4:20 My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. ²² for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body.

- **Honor.**

■ *Prov. 13:18 Whoever heeds correction is honored.* ■

Why Do We Struggle with Teachability?

1. **We want to have our own way.**

■ *Proverbs 1:30-31 since they would not accept my advice and spurned* ■

my rebuke, ³¹ they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

Proverbs 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

- Folly: _____
- Arrogance: _____

Ecclesiastes 9:3 This is the evil in everything that happens under the sun: The same destiny overtakes all. The hearts of men, moreover, are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live, and afterward they join the dead.

- Madness: _____

2. We all feel like we know how to make it in the world.

Eph. 2:3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Common mental models:

We not only have our mental models.
We ARE our mental models.

3. We may be too lazy to change.

Proverbs 26:16 The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer discreetly.

Strategies to Dodge Correction

1. You ignore it.

Proverbs 13:18 He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.

Discipline:

Proverbs 10:8 The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.

2. Being wise in our own eyes.

Prov. 26:12 Do you see a man wise in how own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him!

Prov. 12:15 There is a way that seems right to a man but in the end it leads to death.

3. Resists: Stiffen your neck.

Prov. 29:1 He who is often reproved, yet stiffens his neck will be suddenly broken beyond healing.

4. We scorn it; ridicule; mocking; disdain.

Proverbs 19:16 He who obeys instructions guards his life, but he who is contemptuous of his ways will die.

Titus 3:2 For we also once were foolish, disobedient, deceived, and enslaved by various lusts and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.
