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Healthy Leadership Attitudes Teachable/Correctable!

“Ability is what you’re capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.” -Lou Holtz

WHAT IS AN ATTITUDE?

It is the “advance man’ of our true selves.
Its roots are inward but its fruit is outward.
It is our best friend or our worst enemy.
It is more honest and more consistent than our words.
It is our outward look based on past experiences.
It is a thing which draws people to us or repels them.
It is never content until it is expressed.
It is the liberation of our past.
It is the speaker of our present.
It is the prophet of our future.

Psychologist/philosopher James Allen states, *“A person cannot travel within and stand still without.”*

Soon what’s happening within us will affect what is happening without.

A hardened attitude is a dreaded disease. It causes a closed mind and a dark future.

When the attitude is positive and conducive to growth, the mind expands and the progress begins.

Today’s Healthy Leadership Attitude is Being Teachable/Correctable!

Acts 18:24-28- “Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.”

First Apollos was “*instructed in the way of the Lord.*” *Apollos had a TEACHABLE SPIRIT!*

Teachable- ready and willing to be taught!

Someone might say well it’s obvious Apollos was teachable, he had a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures.

Satan has a thorough knowledge of the scripture! But is he teachable?

In a survey a few years ago, 70% of pastors say they only study the Bible for sermon preparation! That’s alarming! Could it be that’s one reason so many are leaving the ministry.

Before I can effectively lead others I’ve got to first lead me. And I’m the most difficult person to lead!

Being teachable is not about having knowledge in my head, it’s about experiencing transformation in my heart!

The most powerful teaching is one that is being lived out and experienced!

Being teachable says as a leader, I’m practicing, I’m becoming what I’m teaching.

Psalms 25:5- “Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.”

Psalms 27:11- “Teach me how to live, O Lord. Lead me along the right path, for my enemies are waiting for me.”

Psalms 86:11- “Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you.”

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO BE TEACHABLE?

Mark 4:14,20- “The farmer plants seed by taking God’s word to others.

And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

Matthew 7:24-27- “Everyone who hears my teaching and applies it to his life can be compared to a wise man who built his house on an unshakable foundation. When the rains fell and the flood came, with fierce winds beating upon his house, it stood firm because of its strong foundation. But everyone who hears my teaching and does not apply it to his life can be compared to a foolish man who built his house on sand. When it rained and rained and the flood came, with wind and waves beating upon his house, it collapsed and was swept away.”

TWO PERFECT EXAMPLES OF NOT BEING TEACHABLE: Both Paul and Jesus speaking to religious people who knew the law.

Romans 2:21-24- “Well then, if you teach others, why don’t you teach yourself? You tell others not to steal, but do you steal? You say it is wrong to commit adultery, but do you commit adultery? You condemn idolatry, but do you use items stolen from pagan temples? You are so proud of knowing the law, but you dishonor God by breaking it. No wonder the Scriptures say, “The Gentiles blaspheme the name of God because of you.”

You teach others but are you teachable?

John 5:37-40- “And my Father himself, who gave me this mission, has also testified that I am his Son. But you have never heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his Word truly live inside of you, for you refuse to believe in me or to embrace me as God’s messenger. “You are busy analyzing the Scriptures, poring over them hoping to gain eternal life. Everything you read points to me, yet you still refuse to come to me so I can give you the life you’re looking for—eternal life!”

Amazing!! They diligently study the Scriptures, but the scriptures they are studying do not live in them.

LOOK WHAT JESUS SAYS:

John 5:41-42- “Your approval means nothing to me, because I know you don’t have God’s love within you.”

The greatest proof of the lack of a teachable spirit, they diligently studied the scriptures but didn’t have the love of God in them.

They studied the Word of God but the Word God was not allowed to study them! The Word did not abide within them.

John 15:7- “But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!”

THE REAL LITMUS TEST OF A TEACHABLE SPIRIT:

AM I CORRECTABLE?

When someone knows the word of God and has a passion about life and their busy about fulfilling their purpose, it can be difficult to correct them.

IT IS A POTENTIAL DANGER ZONE!

Acts 18:26- “When Priscilla and Aquila heard him preaching boldly in the synagogue, they took him aside and explained the way of God even more accurately.”

We don’t always get it right! We all make mistakes! ***Are you willing to be pulled aside? Are you correctable?***

The number one reason we are not correctable is PRIDE!

1 Peter 5:5- “You younger men, follow the leadership of those who are older. And all of you serve each other with humble spirits, for God gives special blessings to those who are humble, but sets himself against those who are proud.”

Being teachable/correctable is a Healthy Leadership Attitude.

Proverbs 3:11-12- “My child, don’t reject the Lord’s discipline, and don’t be upset when he corrects you. For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.”

Proverbs 15:12- “Mockers hate to be corrected, so they stay away from the wise.”

“Know-it-alls don’t like being told what to do; they avoid the company of wise men and women.”

“The one who hates authority has no love for being taught!”

Proverbs 12:1- “Whoever loves instruction and discipline loves knowledge, But he who hates reproof and correction is stupid.”

Proverbs 10:17- “People who accept discipline are on the pathway to life, but those who ignore correction will go astray.”

Aramaic- ***“Reject rebuke and you’re a moron!”***

Hebrews 12:4-11- “In this all-out match against sin, others have suffered far worse than you, to say nothing of what Jesus went through—all that bloodshed! So don’t feel sorry for yourselves. Or have you forgotten how good parents treat children, and that God regards you as his children? My dear child, don’t shrug off God’s discipline, but don’t be crushed by it either. It’s the child he loves that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects. God is educating you; that’s why you must never drop out. He’s treating you as dear children. This trouble you’re in isn’t punishment; it’s training, the normal experience of children. Only irresponsible parents leave children to fend for themselves. Would you prefer an irresponsible God? We respect our own parents for training and not spoiling us, so why not embrace God’s training so we can truly live? While we were children, our parents did what seemed best to them. But God is doing what is best for us, training us to live God’s holy best. At the time, discipline isn’t much fun. It always feels like it’s going against the grain. Later, of course, it pays off big-time, for it’s the well-trained who find themselves mature in their relationship with God.”

CONCLUSION: Heavenly Father, search my heart, am I teachable and correctable?

