



“Wisdom says, “Turn at my reproof; behold I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words to you. ...whoso hearkens to me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from the fear of evil.” Proverb 1:23, 33

“Teachability.” While not grammatically proper, the word does convey to us a most necessary of ingredients in a healthy and prosperous spirituality. “Beloved, I wish above all things that you might prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.” (2 John 3). When you have learned “all there is to know” pride begins its most deadly and subtle of work. “Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.” (1Corinthians 8:1). The foolish person has deceived himself believing he has nothing more to learn – especially from those teachers, pastors, or parents who are close at hand. “And if any man thinks he knows anything, he knows nothing as he yet ought to know it.” (1 Corinthians 8:2).

When pride enters the heart it shuts us off from the work of God’s Spirit. It closes down our willingness to receive from others and it isolates us in our own foolishness and darkness.

Yes, of course, there is a time for you to call others to Christian maturity and discipleship, but remember plainly – there is only one Master! We are forever His students, His disciples – and it is at His feet we are all called to humbly sit! The person with “teachability” is in the most enviable of positions for it is this person the Lord delights in instructing and teaching in the way he should go.

“Lord God, I am thirsty to learn more of You. My heart pants for the water of life only You can give. As I submit to You, I also ask You to help me guard my heart from the pride of being unteachable. It is a safe place and a good place to sit at Your feet!”

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