



Rebellious vs Teachable

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MEMORY VERSE: People who cover over their sins will not prosper. But if they confess and forsake them, they will receive mercy. Blessed are those who have a tender conscience, but the stubborn are headed for serious trouble. Proverbs 28:13,14

Time for a heart check! It's possible to do many things right that we learn about in Proverbs, but still miss the point. One can go to church, perform good deeds, study the Bible... and still have a rebellious spirit instead of a teachable spirit. Have a teachable spirit!!



Teachable or Rebellious?

 What extreme opposite truths do the following verses say about a person with a teachable spirit compared with a rebellious or stubborn heart? 10:17

12:1

- 2. Why do you think can be so difficult to accept discipline or reproof or instruction?
- 3. What are some of the ways God provides instruction, and what results occur when one either accepts or rejects it? 13:1

13:10

13:13

15:5



The Blessing of Being Teachable

- 4. Read Psalm 19:7-14. How do verses 7-11 encourage or motivate you to fully embrace everything God wants us to do?
- 5. Are any of these verses surprising to you?
- 6. Since we all fail in doing the things God wants us to do, what help do verses 12-14 offer?
- 7. Psalm 119:97-105 is wonderful to pray! What do these verses tell you about the results from wholehearted loving and obeying God's law?
- 8. Remember the escalator image, where we choose our path, and a power outside ourselves propels us along in the direction we have chosen? This is true with our choice to be either teachable or stiff necked. How do the following verses describe this progression? 17:10

28:1,2

28:5

28:9

28:13,14

29:1

9. What do you think Proverbs 21:11 means?



- 10. Describe the younger brother's journey from rebellion to a teachable spirit. Luke 15:11-24
- 11. What do you think was at the root of his initial rebellion?
- 12. What excuses do you hear people use today for their rebellion?
- 13. To what do you attribute his change of heart?
- 14. What was the evidence of his changed heart?
- 15. How would you describe the older brother's heart? Luke 15:25-32

16. What do you think was at the root of the older brothers attitude?

17. Both brothers sinned, even though they looked quite different. Which one do you relate to the most?

18. What strikes you about the way the father treated both of his sons?





It's human to reject correction or instruction, but it's also deadly. Part of maturing in faith means getting over the need to be right, and learning to receive reproof and advice. This can be difficult for a seasoned believer who has tried hard to live right. But we all fail. We all need help. Is there an area in your life where you need to stop being stubborn and start being teachable? Ask God to show you, to forgive you, and give you a teachable spirit! When you do this, just watch and see what God does! He will run to meet you and celebrate that you were lost, but now you are found! He will heal you and lead you to the next place, one of joy and victory.