

My Thoughts For Sunday, April 13, 2014

Are You Teachable?

*God's Word can only take root in a receptive heart
which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say.
The seed that falls on the good soil, on the heart that is
receptive, will reap abundant fruit.*

Let's take a moment and analyze this. First, the definition of teachable according to Merriam Webster: "*able and willing to learn; capable of being taught.*" This gives us a couple of requirements; we must first be able to learn and also be willing to learn. If we meet these two criteria then it is safe to assume that we are capable of being taught.

Looking at the statement above, we are told that God's Word can only take root in a receptive heart. Going back to Merriam Webster: receptive is defined as; "*willing to listen to or accept ideas.*" "Docile" is the state of "*being easily taught.*" The statement continues to state that we must be ready to hear what God has to say.

If you were to ask for my thoughts on the matter; and this happens to be a statement of just that, my thoughts, I would say it sounds beneficial for us to devote all our attention to whatever matter we are trying to grasp when God is trying to instruct us. After all, He, in His infinite wisdom, is the ultimate professor of all that is needful and beneficial for our continued existence now and for eternity

At this point, I believe it might be wise to follow the words of the Psalmist as he made this plea to God in [Psalm 86:11](#). "*Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.*" (NIV 1984) We would do well to listen to this request to our God and take it to heart at every opportunity we are given to dwell on His precious Word; to take those opportunities seriously and join with fellow believers at all available Bible Classes, Worship Services and any other function provided to share His Word to the end, we may also walk in His truth.

Then we would most definitely fall in the category of the "Teachable" and realize the fulfillment of Jesus' words in His parable of the sower in Matthew, chapter 13, and specifically [Matthew 13:8](#) which states... "*other seed fell on good soil where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.*" (NIV 1984)

We have a serious decision to make at this time. Do we continue to live in the darkness of this sin-filled world, floundering in blindness and unbelief or is it time we become truly teachable and grateful to our faithful God who is willing and eager to take us out of this losing proposition and direct us to the saving faith and truth in His undeserved love?

Again, being that these are my thoughts for the day, I think this should be a no-brainer. How could anyone wish to continue down the present one-way street to total and everlasting torment, with the easily attainable alternative of everlasting life with such a loving and gracious creator within our grasp?

Please open up your hearts to becoming teachable and join a host of fellow believers in the heavenly hope already won for us and for you by our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ.