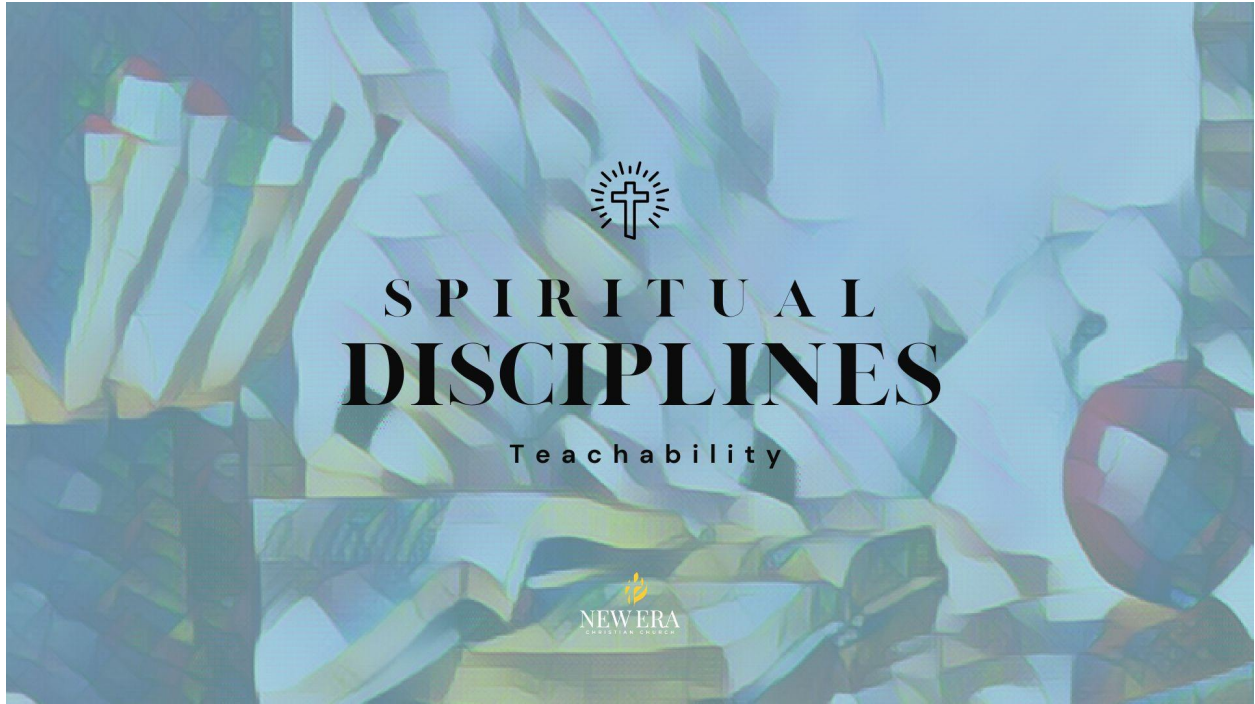




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TEACHABILITY - a person able to learn by being taught.

1. Are you teachable?

2. Do you believe knowledge is power?

- Knowledge is a powerful thing. That's why we like to be in the know, to have inside information and not to be left out of the loop. The irony is that we can become skilled information acquisition and become no wiser for it. Information doesn't necessarily transform or shape us. Learning something new doesn't mean we are teachable. We can always use information to simply reinforce our own opinions and biases.

3. What kind of people was Jesus looking for?

Jesus constantly looked for teachable people-people who would look beyond appearance and not make snap judgments. He went to those who asked honest questions. He was grieved and dumbfounded by the educated who were hardhearted, unteachable, and dense. He said to them, "You diligently study the

Scriptures because you think them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me yet use to come to me to have life. [\(John 5:39\)](#).

4. Are You willing to admit to how much you don't know?

Jesus is still looking for teachable disciples. How teachable are we? Do we hide behind our knowledge and feel uncomfortable being the learner? Will we be the student again and d again?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What new things have you learned about God and yourself in the last month?
2. What positions have you rethought and changed your mind about in the last few years?
3. What does this say about you and your journey?
4. Who do you know that exemplifies a person with a teachable heart?
5. How do you respond when you hear an opinion you don't agree with?

TEACHABILITY

DESIRE- to remain a lifelong learner who is continually open to the fresh wind of the Holy

DEFINITION- Teachability is a propensity and openness to learn from God no matter who the teacher or what the experience may be.

SCRIPTURE-

- ❖ You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. [\(Matthew 22:29\)](#)
- ❖ You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. [\(John 5:39\)](#)
- ❖ For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.
- ❖ Consider carefully what you hear. [\(Mark 4:22-24\)](#)

PRACTICE INCLUDES

- An appropriate openness to new ideas, opinions, styles, people.
- Curbing the know-it-all attitude.

- Asking questions that lead to deeper God awareness.
- Listening more, talking less.
- Refraining from snap judgments based on appearances.

GOD-GIVEN FRUIT

- Openness to the Holy Spirit's doing a new thing.
- Being a more perceptive listener, a more eager learner.
- Developing humility.
- Becoming aware of hardness of heart and unwillingness to love and grow.
- Realizing you don't know it all and that you don't have everything right. the ability to say, "I'm sorry. I messed up." "Can you help me?" "What do you think?" "That's helpful to me."
- Being a lifelong learner.
- Freedom from attachment to your opinions, your words, your authority; attachment to Jesus and his love and care for others.
- Freedom to resist being the teacher in social settings.

Conclusion:

Jesus was passionate about those with ears to hear. He was attracted to those who willingly admitted how much they didn't know. People who could lay aside their prejudices and entertain something new were often the recipients of Jesus transforming word.