



TEACHABILITY

Desire: *To remain a lifelong learner who is continually open to the fresh word of the Holy Spirit.*

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

Scripture: *"For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." (mark 4:22-24)*

God-given fruit:

- *openness to the Holy Spirit doing a new thing*
- *developing humility*
- *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."*
- *freedom to resist being the teacher in social settings.*
- *being a lifelong learner*

Reflection Questions:

1. *What positions have you rethought and changed your mind about in the last few years? What does this say about you and your journey?*
2. *How do you respond when you hear an opinion you don't agree with?*

Spiritual Exercises:

1. *Become aware of your compulsions to let others know what you think. Notice when you're composing what you will say next rather than listening to the one who is speaking. When do you feel the urge to pontificate or otherwise hold forth? Ask God to give you a teachable heart and a will to listen. What do you learn about yourself? About others? About what God values?*
2. *Ask some of the people who know you best how you come across. Are you open and teachable? Do you tend to instruct people or set them right? How do people feel about you disagreeing with you?*