



# A Teachable Heart

*“Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.” Psalm 27:11 (KJV)*

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Over the years I have been a believer, I have constantly cried out to God to give me a teachable heart. Jeremiah 17:9 (NKJV) reads, *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”* Proverbs 28:26 (KJV) reads, *“He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.”* These verses were a good description of my heart when I first became a Christian. My heart was deceitful and desperately wicked. I was a fool trusting my own heart. I was proud, stubborn, and independent, and at the same time, I was very insecure and fearful. I made a lot of wrong choices and bad decisions.

Proverbs 14:12 (KJV) was another good description of me. It reads, *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”* I made a lot of decisions that seemed right to me at the time I made them, but time and evidence proved that I was wrong. I asked the Lord to help me. Daily I would pray and read the Bible and cry out to God to teach me His ways so that my life would glorify Him. The more time I spent with the Lord, the more my love for Him grew. This brought about a change in my heart. Instead of always wanting my way—what was best for me—I wanted His ways and what would glorify Him and make me more like Him.

So many times I prayed Psalm 119:66, 68 (KJV), *“Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments...Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.”*

One of the promises that the Lord gave me was from Psalm 32:8 (KJV) which reads, *“I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.”* Here was the Lord promising to instruct me, teach me, and guide me in His ways! Over the years He has never failed me whenever I go to Him for help! He is always there for me. GOD’S AMAZING GRACE has transformed my life. He gave me a teachable heart, and as I daily read and obeyed the Bible, He would lead me to the scriptures for each of my situations.

The results of a teachable heart have been: forgiving as Christ forgave me; being healed and set free from hate, bitterness, and anger; repenting of my sins; freedom from addictive habits; restoration of my marriage; being out of debt; and an international ministry. I could go on and on. There have been times when obedience to the Lord and His Word has brought persecution and rejection, but He has always been faithful to comfort me, strengthen me, and encourage me.

Beloved, do you have a teachable heart? A heart willing to obey God by denying yourself, picking up your cross daily, and following Him? His way is the only way to true peace and joy. Trust Him. He will never fail you.

*With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ  
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