

A Teachable Spirit

Some Pastors, Evangelists and Teachers seem to have a tendency to tell their congregation, they need to have or develop A Teachable Spirit. Can this example be found in New Testament Scripture? If so, where? And is it good or bad?

Ephesians 4:14 (NASB)

(14) As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

Are there those who refuse to accept, or to be taught something, just because some Pastor, Teacher, Evangelist or Apostle said it? Are there any righteous ones who insist on searching the Scriptures to see whether or not it is so? Some refuse to be indoctrinated by every wind of doctrine that may happen to come along. These incorruptible individuals require proof to see whether or not those things are actually true.

Acts 17:10-12 (NIV)

(10) As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish Synagogue.

(11) Now the Bereans were of **more noble character** than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

(12) Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

The Bereans searched the Scriptures daily to see whether or not Paul's teachings were so. **Note**, the only Scriptures they had, were the Tanach or Old Testament. The New Testament was still in the early stages of being written, and the small portion of it that had been written down was not yet considered to be Scripture.

Far too often, those who are called Teachable are just wanting to have their ears tickled, with all manner of doctrine that they like. When they are not firmly established and rooted on a firm foundation, most are moved by every wind of Doctrine that sounded good!

The Bereans would not even accept what Paul was teaching, unless they could prove it to be true in the Tanach or Old Testament! For this, Paul declared them to be among the most righteous and noble that he had come upon! Sadly, far too often that is **not** the case with today's Pastors, Teachers and Evangelists. They tell their listeners that they need to have (or be developing) A Teachable Spirit. Before long the Pastors, Teachers and Evangelists are able to indoctrinate them with their own beliefs. No matter what *wind of doctrine* they may be espousing.

The righteous will never have a so-called TEACHABLE SPIRIT, but rather a spirit that will demand Scriptural proof. That proof must withstand the test of examination and research of the **ORIGINAL WORD OF GOD**. Proving beyond any shadow of a doubt that it is actually **TRUE!**