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Are You Teachable?

Biblical World View: Moroccan migrants invading Ceuta Spain; 60,000 young men, many shouting Allah Akbar. Islam is not just a religion; it is a civilization that has sworn to destroy Western Civilization from within. This is happening in Europe and America. “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other” -John Adams. Sharia Law is in opposition to our US Constitution, abusing it to establish Sharia Law. There are no “God-given unalienable rights” in Sharia Law. New movie: rememberthealamomovie.com/awk.

Life Song Church is in a “testing” period, both individually and corporately. God is working on our hearts, and bringing issues to the surface through pressure. Just as silver is refined, God is refining us. To whom much is given, much is expected. God is preparing us for His Morning Star Authority. **LSC Vision: Teaching Answers for Life!**

Are we a **social club** or **soldiers for Christ**? Are you teachable? Are you correctable? Are you yielding to the Holy Spirit?

Review: #1 God’s grace (*charis*) and His gifts (*charisma*) are inseparable. #2 We are created for “good works” and Jesus said “*greater works than these he* (those who believe) *will do,*” (Jn 14:12). For us to do “greater works” we need the miracle working power of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. God who began a “good work” in us, will complete it, until the day of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:6). The power and authority to do “good works” **never ceases until Jesus returns**.

The Bible addresses teachability (openness to instruction, humility, and willingness to learn/receive correction) most extensively in Proverbs, and contrasts it with unteachable attitudes like pride, stubbornness (“stiff-necked”), or rejecting wisdom and reproof. The concepts appear throughout, especially linked to wisdom, humility, and responding to God’s Word or godly counsel.

Teachability is closely tied to humility, correction and the fear of the Lord (the beginning of knowledge/wisdom—Proverbs 1:7; 9:10). Being unteachable / stubborn / rejecting instruction, Scripture warns strongly against rejecting counsel, hardening the heart, or being “stiff-necked.”

Teachability & Humility:

Pro 11:2 *When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.*

Pro 3:7 *Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.*

Psa 25:9 *The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.*

Pro 26:12 *Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.*

Teachability & Willingness to be Corrected:

Pro 12:1 *Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction is stupid.*

Pro 13:18 *Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.*

Pro 10:17 *He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, But he who refuses correction goes astray* (some translations “leads others astray.”)

Teachability & Fear of the Lord:

Pro 15:33 *The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility.*

Pro 9:9,10 *Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

Pro 1:7 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Stiffed-Neck: Resisting the Holy Spirit, the Teacher of Truth;

Being stiff-necked means a willful, hardened resistance to being led, taught, or corrected—refusing to “turn the head” toward a better path. It is closely linked to related ideas such as hardness of heart or an “uncircumcised” heart and ears. Despite the miracles (10 plagues in Egypt, parting the Red Sea, being led by a glory cloud by day and the fire of God at night, God shaking Mount Sinai, manna from heaven) the children of Israel were still “stiff-necked.” **They discounted God’s miracles.**

After the golden-calf incident (going back to **traditions they were taught**, and not moving forward with the new way of God) at Mount Sinai, God tells Moses, “*I have seen this people, and behold, it is a **stiff-necked people***” (Exodus 32:9; see also Exodus 33:3, 5; 34:9). Moses repeatedly reminds Israel of this character trait (Deuteronomy 9:6, 13; 10:16; 31:27). Other passages use related language of hardening or stiffening the neck to describe deliberate refusal to listen or obey (e.g., 2 Chronicles 36:13; Jeremiah 17:23; Proverbs 29:1).

In the same way, despite seeing and hearing about the miracles Jesus did (casting out demons, healing the lame and blind, raising the dead, walking on water, feeding 5,000 from 5 loaves and 2 fish, and reading their thoughts) the **Pharisees sought to kill Jesus**. They admitted He worked many signs (miracles) but they discounted them, **reasoning** among themselves why Jesus had to die. They also plotted to kill Lazarus after Jesus raised him from the dead. Again, trying to discount Jesus’ miracle working power. Stephen charged the Sanhedrin with being “stiffed-neck” and they killed him; they caused him to “cease.” **Act 7:51** “*You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always **resist the Holy Spirit**; as your fathers did, so do you.*”

In the same way, despite seeing and hearing all of the miracles the Holy Spirit is doing through believers, manifesting all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the **cessationists** are trying to “cease” or put to death these miracles by saying the gifts of the Spirit are gone, stopped, no longer happening. **They discount the miracle working power of the Holy Spirit.**

On the **Day of Pentecost**, when the Holy Spirit descended on believers as “**tongues of fire**” they began speaking with new tongues and immediately the miracle-gift was discounted and attacked.

Act 2:11 *Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the **wonderful works of God**.” 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?” 13 Others **mocking** (to “throw out and jeer”) said, “They are full of new wine.” Today **cessationists mock**, throw out and jeer speaking in tongues, attributing it to Beelzebub, the devil, just like the Pharisees and Sanhedrin did with Jesus.*

Traditions of Man make the Word of God of no effect: Mar 7:9-13 *He said to them, “All too well you **reject the commandment of God**, that you may keep your **tradition**.” 10 For Moses said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER’; and, ‘HE WHO CURSES FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM BE PUT TO DEATH.’ 11 But you say, ‘If a man says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban”—’ (that is, a gift to God), 12 then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, 13 **making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down**. And many such things you do.”*

An **analytical mind** can become carnal and justify the traditions of men over the flow of the Holy Spirit. Their reasoning supersedes the leading of the Holy Spirit. “This is what I was taught, or this is what we always believed (traditions).” **Col 2:8** *Beware lest anyone cheat you through **philosophy** and empty deceit, according to the **tradition of men**, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.*

Joh 14:26 *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach you all things**, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. **Joh 16:13** However, when He, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, He will guide you into all truth;*