

Being Teachable

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“What can we make out of the rocks? Can we shape one into a cat? Can we roll them into snakes?” Of course not! Rocks cannot be molded into another shape. The only way you can make a rock into something like that is with a hammer and a chisel!

Then we looked at the play dough. Can play dough be formed into a cat? Can we roll out a snake? Yes, we can easily do that!



Our hearts are hard like rocks. But God can change us and make our hearts soft like play dough! In fact, He loves to do that! He will give us soft hearts so that we become more like Him if we repent from our sins and turn to Him. A teachable heart can be formed into what God wants it to be.

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7)

“My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments; For length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.” (Proverbs 3:1)

(I) Describe what it would be like to work with someone who:

Is very confident, has already won lots of awards in his field, often interrupts your instruction because they already have an idea of what to do, makes quick decisions without listening to your advice, doesn't listen to other ideas because those people are less experienced, gets angry when he is corrected, hungers for the spotlight, is happier as long as he has won acclaim, regardless of how the team has been regarded.

(II) Now describe what it would be like to work with someone who:

Is very confident, has already won lots of awards in his/her field, listens carefully to instruction you provide, makes decisions thoughtfully after considering many factors, seeks your advice, values and seeks the perspective and suggestions of others, accepts correction and tries to improve, is happiest when the team receives acclaim.

Discussions

- (1) What are some ways it would benefit a team, company, classroom or family to have a member who is teachable?**
- (2) Think of a setting in which you spend time (e.g., on a team, in school, as a member of a club, in your family). We have already talked about how you being teachable would benefit those around you. What are some ways it would benefit you to be teachable in that setting?**

A person with a teachable spirit will:

- Value others**
- Be willing to listen and appreciate other perspectives (especially God's)**
- See criticism and failures as opportunities to learn**
- Hunger to grow**

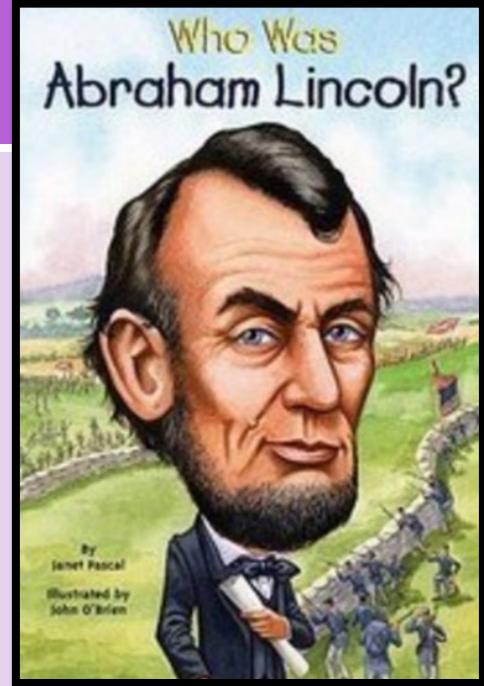
**Pride is the enemy of a teachable heart.
You can't be coachable if you know it all.**

Humility is a great virtue. Even if you know the answers and even if you are the smartest guy in the room, you will do well if you give others a chance to share, discuss and talk about what they think.

When we think about someone with a “teachable spirit” we think of someone who wants to learn, to grow, to get better at what they do.

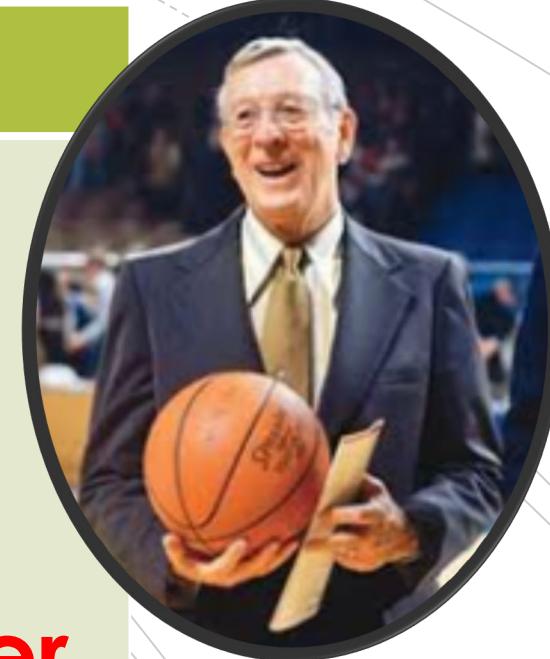
Abraham Lincoln

- Had very little formal education, most of what he learned was self-educated from books he borrowed.
- Young Lincoln worked a variety of jobs: shopkeeper, surveyor, postmaster, he even split firewood with an axe for a living.
- “Whatever you are, be a good one.”
- “I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life. ”



Coach John Wooden

- Legendary UCLA basketball coach
- Farm had neither running water nor electricity – credited success to the habits of discipline & hard work
- 12 NCAA Regional Championships – Final Four
- **“Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation. Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are.”**



Benjamin Franklin

- Founding Fathers of the US – an author, political theorist, scientist, musician, inventor, and etc.
- How was he able to accomplish so much? Due to his continuous pursuit of self-improvement.
- In 1726, at the age of 20, he decided on the following goal for himself:
 - “It was about this time I conceived the bold and arduous project of arriving at moral perfection. I wished to live without committing any fault at any time; I would conquer all that either natural inclination, custom, or company might lead me into.”



Benjamin Franklin - The **Thirteen** Virtues

Franklin developed his list of 13 virtues which he committed himself to:

1. **TEMPERANCE** - not to overindulge in food or drink.
2. **SILENCE** - Speak only what may benefit others or yourself - one acquires knowledge by using the ears instead of the tongue.
3. **ORDER** - to have more time for the pursuit of his studies and other projects.
4. **RESOLUTION** - Resolution, once habitual, would help obtain all the subsequent virtues.
5. **FRUGALITY** - Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself.
6. **INDUSTRY** - Lose no time; be always employed in something useful.
7. **SINCERITY** - Use no hurtful deceit; think innocently and justly.
8. **JUSTICE** - Wrong none by doing injuries, or omitting your duty.
9. **MODERATION** - Avoid extremes.
10. **CLEANLINESS** - Tolerate no uncleanliness in body, clothes, or habitation.
11. **TRANQUILLITY** - Be not disturbed by unimportant things.
12. **CHASTITY** - Live chastely.
13. **HUMILITY** - Imitate Jesus and Socrates."

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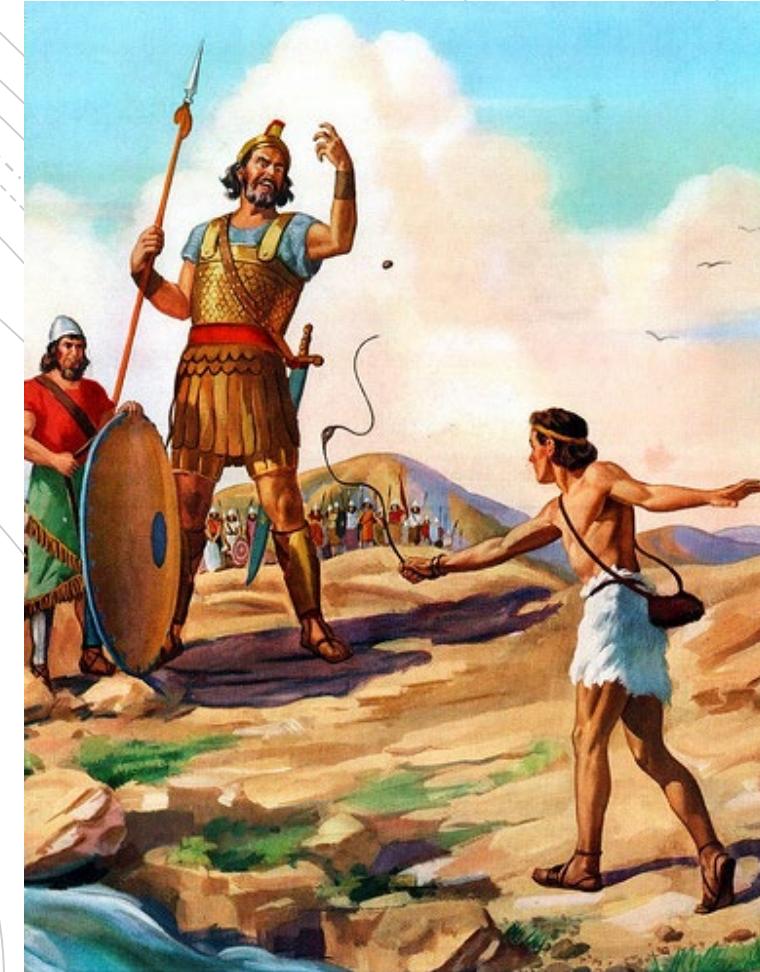
TEMPERANCE.
Eat not to dulness: drink not to elevation.

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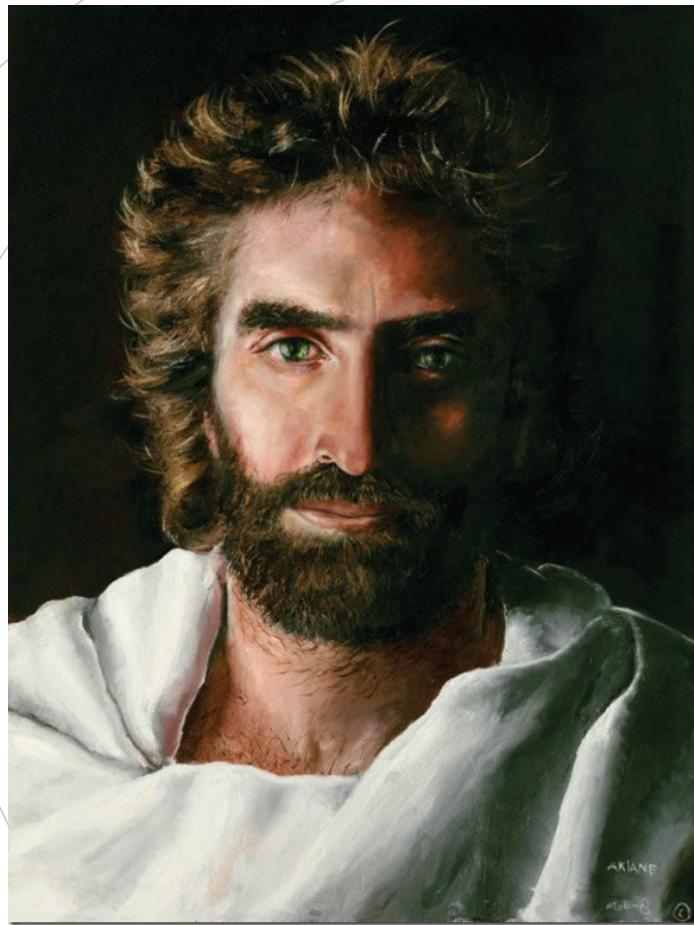
King David

"Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. (1 Samuel 16)



Jesus



*And he went down with them
and came to Nazareth, and was
obedient to them; And Jesus
increased in wisdom and in
stature, and in favor with God
and man. (Luke 2)*

*Greater love has no one than
this: to lay down one's life for
one's friends. (John 15:13)*

Malcolm Gladwell's Book, 'Outliers'

It takes 10,000 hours takes to master something. At 40 hours a week, these 10,000 hours translate roughly into 5 years of work -- or in other words, 40 hours per week, every week, for 5 years.

“He who control others is powerful; he who controls himself is fearless.” (Lao Tze)

Psalm 25:4-13

4 Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

**5 Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.**

6 Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

**7 Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.**

8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

**10 All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

11 For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

**12 Who, then, are those who fear the Lord? He will instruct them in the ways
they should choose.**

**13 They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit
the land.**

Immaculate Mary

**Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.
You reign now in Heaven with Jesus our King.**

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

**In Heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we your children invoke your sweet name.**

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

**We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,
And bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth.**

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

