



Teachability is one of the rare traits...

It brings in ones will into submission from pride.

We are all know it all's to some extend

May it be our prayer ...

Teach me thy way O Lord, as we are being taught  
multiple times a week after week...

Few weeks ago I believe one of the bothers addressed  
this subject... teachability.

Pride holds us back from listening and learning...

May the Lord help us.

“... **sin** is crouching at the door.  
Its desire is contrary to you,  
but you must rule over it (sin)” (Gen: 4.7)

# SUBTLE SINS

Impatience and irritability – practical questions

- Can you think of any in your life?
  - How about your dealing with your spouse?
  - Children?
  - Siblings?
  - Others?
- How about the checkout counter?
- Airport?

- How about those who are irritating you?
  - Some people not quick witted-
  - Discourteous to us
  - Immature believers?
  - Physically Challenged
  - Seemly gross behavior
  - **While driving...?**

**IRRITABILITY –**

**THE EASE WITH WHICH A PERSON CAN  
BECOME IMPATIENT OVER SLIGHTEST  
PROVOCATION.**

**-IRRITABLE PERSON IS IMPATIENT ALL THE  
TIME**

**-OTHERS WALK ON EGGSHELLS AROUND THEM**

# SELFISHNESS

Subtle sins in general grow out of character flaws

- We tend to reason in ourselves our habits of life as acceptable!
- We are born with most of it
  - Rest we learn by adapting to what we see around us
  - Commonly visible in children – expressed
  - All of us have it in us but well covered-up

## Example 1. Our interests

•Php 2:3-5

Do nothing from **selfish ambition** or conceit,  
**but in humility**

“A humble person is not one who thinks meanly (less) of himself but who doesn't think of himself at all!” -Andrew Murray

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less,” -C.S. Lewis



count others more significant than yourselves.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests,  
but also to the interests of others.

That doesn't mean we are the doormat for everyone to walkover OR to let them use us for their purposes, but to be faithful servants of Christ. –

To have an attitude of servitude!

Not how can I get served -,

but how can **I SERVE!**

Have this mind among yourselves,  
which is yours in Christ Jesus,

Php 2:6-8

(6) who, though he was in the form of God, **did not count equality with God** a thing to be grasped,

(7) but **emptied himself**, by taking the form of **a servant**, being born in the **likeness of men**.

(8) And being found in human form, **he humbled himself** by becoming **obedient to the point of death**, even **death on a cross**.

On a personal level –

Domination in our personal conversation?

Being focused in showing our interests we show no interest in the matters of others.

- Can we learn to be better listeners showing genuine interest in the matters of others?

The current world of SELFIES!

2Ti 3:1-5(1) But understand this, *that in the last days* there will come times of difficulty.(2) For **people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant,** abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, (3) **heartless, unappeasable,** slanderous, **without self-control,** brutal, not loving good,(4) treacherous, reckless, **swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure** rather than lovers of God,(5) **having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power.** Avoid such people.

## Example 2. Use of Time

Respecting other peoples time

How often do we arrive late for a planned meeting?

At restaurants

At other places?

At your work meetings?

At our assembly meetings? In person or otherwise?

## Example 3. Money

Responding to other peoples needs

How often do we think of other peoples **needs**?

America even being the richest nation so far on the earth, gives only 2% to charity, overall.

How is our **giving** habits?

Rom 12:13,15

(13) **Contribute to the needs** of the saints and **seek to show hospitality**.

(15) Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

1Jn 3:17

(17) But if anyone has the world's goods and **sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him**, how does God's love abide in him?

## Example 4. Inconsiderate / haughty

A primary example of inconsiderate person is an obnoxious person.

They are the ones bully you!

They cut in lines when possible

They have an air of haughtiness about them.

Rom 12:16

(16) Live in harmony with one another. **Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.** Never be wise in your own sight.

- A very common example is the use of cell phone!
  - They use it as if there is no one around.

Summary-

## Practice UNSELFISHNESS

We are to be mindful of not only our own affairs – but also of others.

Christ is the utmost example of unselfishness

He cried – not my will but thine! (Ik 22.42)

### 2Co 8:9

(9) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet **for your sake** he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.



Ben Ramsey:

Teach me Thy way, O Lord,

Teach me Thy way;

Thy gracious aid afford,

Teach me Thy way.

Help me to walk aright;

More by faith, less by sight;

Lead me with heav'nly light,

Teach me Thy way.

Long as my life shall last,

Teach me Thy way;

Where'er my lot be cast,

Teach me Thy way.

Until the race is run,

Until the journey's done,

Until the crown is won,

Teach me Thy way.

Psa 25:4 Shew me **thy ways**, O LORD; **teach me thy paths**.

Psa 86:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: **unite my heart to fear thy name**.

Until the Lord returns:

Jer 31:34

(34)**And they shall teach no more** every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD:

**for they shall all know me**, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.