

HOW TO LEARN

“He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.” Proverbs 13:18

Summary:

Proverbs teaches us that there are two ways to learn. Either we can learn by “trial and error” (we try many things, some right and some wrong, and life punishes us for the wrong decisions we make), or we learn from the experiences of others and avoid the pain of wrong decisions.

Disciples who follow Jesus...

- Have humble and teachable hearts that willingly receive Scriptural correction. *Hebrews 3:13*
- Consider themselves nothing in comparison to the Lord and follow the authority God has placed over them with a joyful heart. *Philippians 2:5-7; Hebrews 13:17*
- Are learners who faithfully receive and live the Truth they receive, passing it along to other reliable followers of Jesus. *2 Tim. 2:2*
- Understand that failure is a critical part of the learning process. They see that failure does not define them, they learn from failure, and live by faith in the reality of their transformed identity that is secure in Christ.

...Therefore, your commitments are:

- Audio & Study Guide [“Becoming a Teachable Learner”](#) By Harold Bullock
- Watch [How to Learn](#) and discuss with your group (or leader) what it means to reframe your definition of failure (from 4:32 to 5:06)...then write your reframed definition of failure as part of your Key Thought.
- Memorize one of the following verses about Learning:
 - Proverbs 1:7 with topic: Learning
 - Proverbs 13:14 with topic: Teaching of the Wise
 - Proverbs 12:1 with topic: Teachability
- Meditate: HA #5 & 1 Pet. 4:10 about participating in ministry:
- Pray daily for one another to develop a teachable heart
- Pray that God would show you a way He wants you to apply your Key Thought
- Remember you get to have an encounter with the God of the universe daily
- Go to CV, take good notes, and share your best insight with your group

BEFORE MOVING ON:

How does being a lifelong learner reflect my identity as a new creation and follower of Jesus?

Becoming a Learner

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DEFINITIONS:

LEARN: To find out what one did not previously know; to gain knowledge or understanding of or skill in by study, instruction, or experience.

IGNORANT: lacking knowledge or awareness of a particular thing

UNLEARNED: suggests ignorance of advanced subjects

FOR FOLLOWERS OF JESUS...

LEARNING IS A TOP PRIORITY!

Learning Is the Key To:

- **Discerning God's direction for our lives.**
Romans 12:2, Colossians 3:10
- **The freedom that we are seeking in Christ** comes from continuing to learn and obey His word, so that we can see the truth about life. *John 8:31-32*

We Have To Learn Knowledge, Understanding and How To Obey. *Matthew 28:19-20*

The Goal of All Our Learning is, in essence, to live a life _____
like the Lord Jesus did. Any learning that ignores this goal is off-track. *1 Timothy 1:4-6, Ephesians 5:1-2*

The True Mark Of Maturity is the ability to distinguish good _____
in daily life, an ability gained by taking bits of the word of God, understanding them and learning how to apply them to daily life over time until the discernment grows. *Hebrews 5:11-14*

The Responsibility For Learning Is _____ *2 Timothy 2:15*

We Need To Learn the Scriptures so that we may learn how to _____
Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:2; 2 Timothy 3:15-17

WATCH WHERE YOU LEARN!

False Teachers And False Teachings

_____ *1 Timothy 4:1-2; Colossians 2:8;*
2 Timothy 3:6-7

Admit your _____ and learn from Safe Places, such as those
who led you to Christ or from your own pastors. *Ephesians 4:11-14;*
Hebrews 13:7

To have an _____ Estimate Of Your Maturity will set you
up for deception and confusion. *Romans 12:3; James 1:6-8; Ephesians 4:14*

TIPS FOR LEARNING

1. Make a _____ decision to obey.
John 7:17; Proverbs 9:10
2. Pray and Search _____
James 1:5; Proverbs 2:3-5
If we do not respect what is taught enough to pay attention and to apply it, we are “dogs” *Matthew 7:6*
3. Pay money to learn wisdom. *Proverbs 8:10-11*
4. Read the Word of God. *Deuteronomy 17:18-19*
5. Make yourself _____ to good teachers.
(Sermons, Tapes, Books, Videos)
Proverbs 13:14
 - Pay Attention *Proverbs 4:1*
 - Analyze For Application *Proverbs 23:12*
 - Memorize And Review Key Things *Proverbs 4:13*
 - Don’t Get Out Of The Habit *Proverbs 19:27*
6. _____ leaders and mature Christians.

Observe The Example Of Leaders And Copy It

Hebrews 13:7; 1 Corinthians 4:16; 11:1; Hebrews 6:12;
2 Thessalonians 3:7-9; Proverbs 4:1

Choose Your Associates Carefully; The People You Associate With Will Shape You; You Learn From Them. *Proverbs 27:17*

- ☐ Form Friendships With Wiser People *Proverbs 13:20*
- ☐ Don’t Get Too Close To The Wrong People *Proverbs 22:24-25;*
1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 13:20; 3 John 1:11

7. Seek _____ from wiser people. *Proverbs 19:20*
8. _____ yourself to correction and discipline.
By The Lord Through Circumstances And Other People
Revelation 3:19; Hebrews 12:5-7
By Friends Who Are Following Christ *Hebrews 3:12-13*
By Wiser People: It Will Grace Your Life *Proverbs 25:12; 15:31*
By Leaders *2 Timothy 4:1-2; Titus 1:12-13; 2:15*

WHY CORRECTION IS HELPFUL: The Johari Window

	Not Known to Others	Known to Others
Known to Us		
Not Known to Us		

CORRECTION / DISCIPLINE

- Is Crucial To A Full Life *Proverbs 6:23*
 - Reveals What You Are By Your Response
Proverbs 12:1; 1:7; 15:5,12; 9:7-8; 19:25
 - Brings Blessing Or Disaster
Proverbs 15:32; 13:18; 10:17; 15:10; 29:1
9. Learn lessons from observing _____
- The Consequences Of Wrong *Proverbs 19:25*
 - The Flow Of Cause And Effect *Proverbs 24:30-34*
 - God's Wisdom Wrapped Into Nature *Proverbs 6:6-8; 30:24-31*
10. Learn for _____ before you instruct others.
Ezra 7:10; Matthew 7:3-5

SOME SUGGESTIONS:

- Keep a notebook of:
 - ☐ Messages and Applications
 - ☐ Life Lessons Learned
- On reading books:
 - ☐ Scan the chapter headings
 - ☐ Read the introduction and epilogue
 - ☐ Read the first three and last three paragraphs of each chapter
 - ☐ In the chapter, read the section heads
 - ☐ Then, if necessary, read the chapter