

# Teachable

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Isaiah 50:4 (ESV)

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are \*taught,  
that I may know how to \*\*sustain with a word  
him who is \*\*\*weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are \*taught.

**\*Taught literal means “to listen like one being instructed” or a disciple.**

**\*\* Sustain – Being taught, we are able to exercise an effective spoken ministry: *to know the word that sustains*. The verb translated *sustains* is not found elsewhere in Scripture. The meaning includes ‘to shepherd’ and ‘to care for’, but the oldest suggestion is ‘to speak a word in season’.**

**\*\*\* *Weary*: ‘fainting’ under life’s demands.**

**This verse gives us God’s view of someone who is teachable:**

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the tongue of those who listen like one being instructed,  
that I may know how to speak a word in season to  
him who is fainting under life’s demands.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who listen like one being instructed.

When we are teachable, God tells of an experience (*he wakens*), a time (*morning*), a regularity (*morning by morning*), a reason (*my ear to listen*) and a receptive heart (*like one, who is being taught*). This is the essence of what it means to be a disciple. **In the morning by morning discipleship, the servant learns the Lord's will.**

It is important to be teachable, because we can expect moments in this life to be “walking in the darkness” of this world. **Then we will be faced with walking in faithful obedience in this “darkness” leading to our vindication – or – walking in the “light of our own self-will” leading to endless miseries?** This determines the nature of our existence on planet earth. Therefore, God gives us a warning about walking in our “own light” verses in God’s light.

Isaiah 50:11 (NIV)

But now, all you who light fires (your own plans) and provide yourselves with flaming torches, **go, walk in the light of your fires and of the torches you have set ablaze.**

This is what you shall receive from my hand:  
You will lie down in torment.

**Compare this to what is necessary:**

John 8:12 (ESV)

Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

This suggests **that walking through a dark season in life**, yet still being faithful to Christ, has more light to it than walking in the shining brilliance of our own plans. God did not promise that we would never be confused and distraught; he did promise that he would never leave us or forsake us in Hebrews 13:5. **Even when we can't see him, he does surround us and guard us and lead us forward.** Listening to Christ rather than to ourselves is a startling way to live.

There are so many “lights” out there to live by. There are ways to shave the radical edge off of Christian obedience. **People light their own fires.** They have their own ideas to live by. Why listen to Christ when there are plausible, and certainly easier, ways to live? We see many Christians live lives that are not set apart from the convenient, soft ways of the world. **They don't feel in their hearts that Christ can be counted on when it matters.** They are making their own way. But remember: “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death” ([Proverbs 16:25](#)). In these times we must remember that we have an Unbreakable bond with Christ. The Bible says that faith comes through hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ ([Romans 10:17](#)). **Trust:**

Isaiah 51:16 (NIV)

I have put my words in your mouth  
and covered you with the shadow of my hand—  
(God did this) I who set the heavens in place,  
who laid the foundations of the earth,  
and who say to Zion, ‘You are my people.’

**The teachable turn to God and listens to HIS word. As ministers of the Word, we can identify God's people by their response to the Word of God.**

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV)

We thank God constantly, that when you received **the Word of God**, which you heard from us, you accepted it "not as" the word of men "but" as what it really is, **the Word of God**, which is at work in you believers.

**Over the years Linda and I have learned how to discern who is teachable and who will grow in the faith. We present the Word of God and watch!**

**Lessons for the Teachable:**

- 1) Listen like one being instructed!**
- 2) Listen morning by morning!**
- 3) Don't light your own fire!**
- 4) You are God's people needing a fresh Word daily!**

**Listen like one being instructed! However, remember who is your primary teacher.**

John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.***