

Are you Teachable?

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Consider the following statements to give you an idea of your teachability quotient. Answer (U) for usually; (S) for sometimes; and (R) for rarely.

	U	S	R
1. I feel comfortable asking for advice.			
2. I easily admit when I'm wrong.			
3. I enjoy reading for information rather than escape.			
4. I'm able to receive criticism without being hurt.			
5. I enjoy listening to other peoples' thoughts and opinions without feeling the need to express my own.			
6. When I read something in the Bible, I automatically think of ways to apply it.			
7. I enjoy church and Bible classes and usually take notes.			
8. I'm able to disagree with someone without feeling like I have to debate the issue.			
9. I'm willing to look at all sides of a situation before I form an opinion.			
10. I'd rather be righteous than always have to be "right".			

Give yourself 3 points for each U, 2 points for each S, and 0 point for each R.

If you scored...	Then...
24-30	You are well on your way to a teachable heart. You are probably always seeking to learn and be led. Remember, being teachable is a step toward obedience (and a great lesson to your kids!).
15-23	Don't give up! You are trainable. You can make a conscious choice to become more pliable and be transformed. Ask God to show you areas that you need to work on listening and learning.
0-14	Uh oh. You may need to seriously start examining your teachability and pray about it specifically. You may realize as well that you have kiddos who also lack teachability; no guilt – just be aware of what you are teaching them by example.

Remember this..."Children learn quickly—mainly because they don't have preconceived ideas that keep them from hearing something new and receiving it. Perhaps that's why Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.' Matthew 9:14" – Joanna Weaver in *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*