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**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
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**TOPIC:** FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A DEPENDABLE  
CHURCH LEADER AND WORKER

**STUDY IV:** TEACHABILITY

**TEXT:** JONAH 4:9-11

**INTRODUCTION:**

The acronym FAAT means Faithfulness, Availability, Ability and Teach-ability. In the previous studies, we have examined the first three characteristics of a church leader or worker so, today we shall be examining the fourth characteristics which is teach ability.

TEACHABILITY is the state or condition of being teachable; willing to receive instructions and learn. In other words, it is being able to yield to corrections without taking offence.

**SOME BIBLICAL TRUTHS ABOUT BEING TEACHABLE:**

- ❖ Jonah was a great prophet of old and a great messenger of God to the people of his time. When he acted erroneously at a time (Jonah 4:9-11), God spoke to him to correct him but he refused to listen to divine correction. He was not teachable. This is the reason his story ended with a question mark. God decided to close his chapter with a question mark. He was supposed to be a prophet who ought to be an answer to people's questions but he ended up as a question to be answered.
- ❖ Saul the son of Kish was a fantastic king. His major weakness was that he was not teachable. That was the major difference between him and King David. In I Samuel 13 & 15, he portrayed half obedience to instructions and gave excuses for his negligence when confronted. That was what terminated his reign as king in Israel. \*Please, let his life speak to you and make you teachable.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF A TEACHABLE LEADER OR WORKER:**

1. A teachable leader or worker is apt to take instructions without complaining
2. He portrays complete obedience to instructions - II Cor. 10:6.

3. He takes to corrections without being offended - II Chronicles 26:16 - 21.
4. He is humble - I Peter 5:6.
5. He adjusts to situations once corrected and hardly repeats the same mistake. A good example is David who committed some great blunders during his reign, but immediately he was corrected, he admitted his faults and never committed the mistake again.

**CONCLUSION:**

From this study, we can see that as church leaders or workers, we must be teachable. It takes humility to be teachable. Anyone who is unteachable is proud. If a man is proud, no matter what he does for God, God will resist him.