

## The Genuine Heart of a Counselee

What does a teachable spirit look like?

- A Believer

"The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good." - Psalm 53:1

- Reverent

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;

fools despise wisdom and instruction." - Proverbs 1:7

- Not Proud, but Humble

"But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."  
7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." - James 4:6-8

- A Learner

"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid." - Proverbs 12:1

- A Doer

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." - James 1:22

What does an unteachable person look like?

- No faith, no spirit • No Fear

- Proud

- Know it all

- A hearer, not a listener

What do you do if you feel like someone does not have the heart of a counselee?

1. Pray

2. Share the gospel (not just once)

3. Importance of homework

4. Importance of Advocate

5. Share James 4 with them

6. Assume you don't know something you need to know (Ask good questions) 7. Be honest about your confusion and dilemma

8. Bring in additional or different counsel

9. Be honest about your confusion and dilemma

**Share Time:** Please give an example of a teachable spirit. An example of a prideful heart.