

Matt 9:13

"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Do you know of a person who you cannot tell anything to because they think they know it all? Even if they are wrong, they won't admit it, and will try to get you to believe that what they are saying is really true. Some people are even afraid to say something to the pastor or a teacher in the church, because they think this person knows a lot and will put them to shame if you bring something up.

First off, your pastor or any teacher of God's word would not put you down for bringing something to their attention. I know at a church that I was going to that I would bring things up every once in a while to the pastor, and he was excited about it, because it meant that I was not taking his word for it, but was checking out God's word to make sure that what he was teaching was right.

Then there are those who you just cannot go to, because they make you feel so little because you question them. Next time this happens, think about today's devotional verse. Read the first sentence again.

† ***But go and learn what this means:***

Jesus was saying this to the Pharisees, the ones who were supposed to know God's word inside and out, or at least they thought they did. Jesus was not trying to belittle these guys, but was showing them that we all can learn, and that no one is above another in the knowledge of God's word.

I learn everyday by listening to pastors on the Internet, because I am teachable. These pastors also learn from other pastors, they too are teachable.

So if you read something here that does not seem right, please bring it to my attention, I won't get mad or belittle you, but will search the scriptures with you to find out the truth so we both can learn together.

If you hear something from your pastor or anyone else that doesn't seem right, bring it to their attention, they want to know that you are paying attention and not taking their word for it, but rather that you are checking out what they are saying against God's word.

† ***Acts 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.***