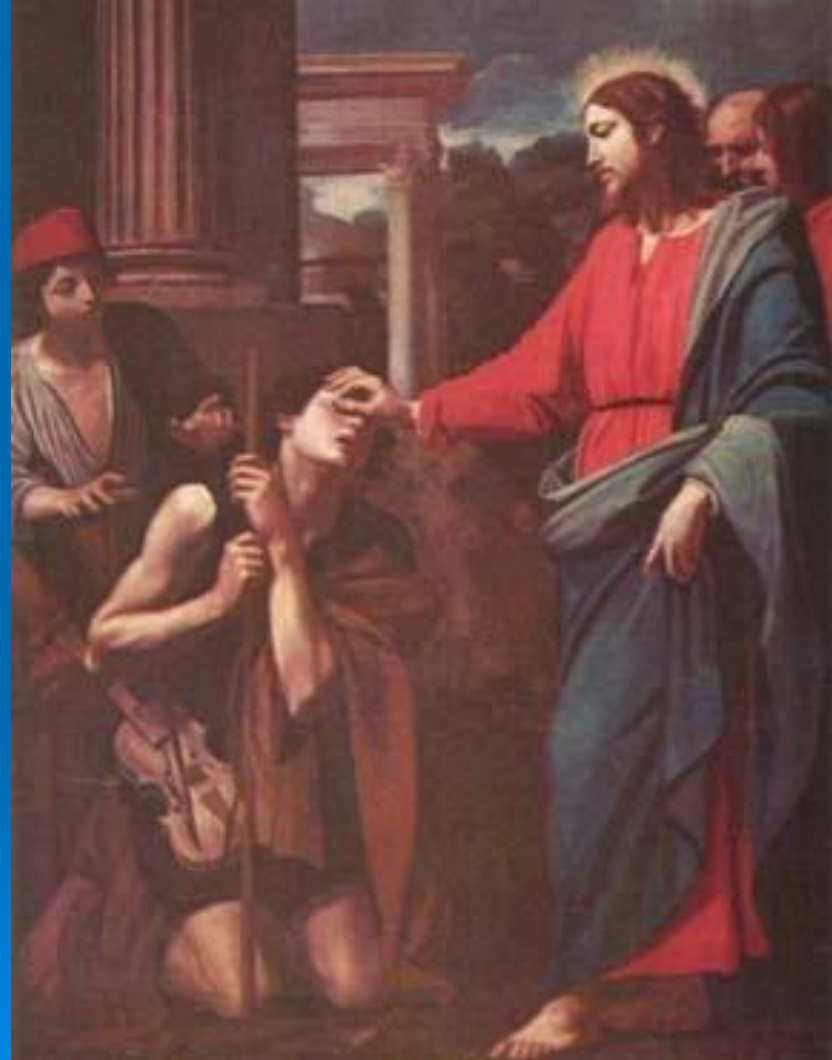


**“You were  
completely  
born in sins,  
and are you  
teaching us?”**

John 9:34



What is common among  
those who are  
**“willing to learn”?**



# 1. They do not despise any source of teaching

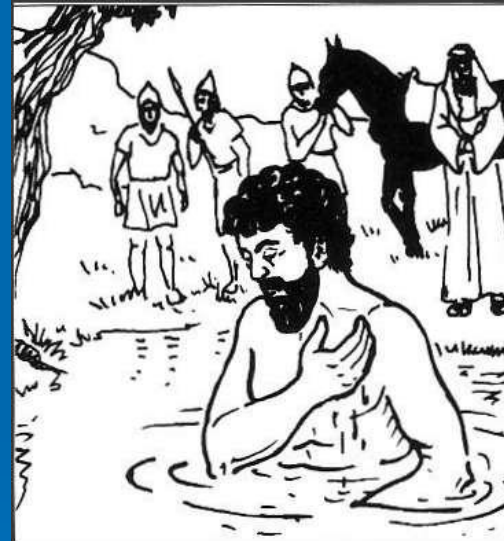
- David learning from Abigail
- Apollos who was an “eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures” learning from Priscilla and Aquila who were tent makers
- “Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise”

*Proverbs 6:6*



## 2. They yield to reason

- “Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him... If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.” *John 9:31,33*
- The example of Naaman the Syrian:  
“And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, ‘My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, “Wash, and be clean”’?” *2 Kings 13*





# 3. They are willing to listen

- The Pharisees started the discussion with a conclusion: “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.”  
*John 9:24*
- Compare this to the servants at the wedding of Cana of Galilee
- “And Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’” *John 1:46*



# 4. They apply their experience

- “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.” *John 5:25*
- Compare this to Balaam or Samson
- The lesson by St. Peter not to be a busybody in others' affairs



# 5. They always seek to check themselves with others

- “And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.”

*Galatians 2:2*





## 6. They are willing to try

- “So He said, ‘Come.’ And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus”

*Matthew 14:29*

- “When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, ‘Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.’”

*Luke 5:4*





# How this virtue can help us

- It clears the blind spots.
- It is the way to change and grow in our relationships.
- It preserves our humility as it keeps me always a disciple.
- It keeps us always hopeful and never losing heart.
- It makes us easier people to deal with.