



UNITY: THE FORGOTTEN TREASURE

ETC Course Handout - Lesson 8

Six Ways to Develop a Learning Heart

Course Section	Section 2 - A Reconstruction of Our Theological Conclusions
Book Connection	Chapter 7 - A Learning Heart
Lesson Aim	Cultivate the humility and teachability needed to learn God's Word with other believers.

Key Scriptures

James 1:19-21; Proverbs 9:8-10; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:18.

1. A Divided Church Needs Learning Hearts

- Sharper arguments alone cannot heal division. Believers must be willing to learn, listen, and be corrected by God's Word.

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2. Move From Defense to Discovery

- A defensive posture asks how to protect a position; a learning posture asks what God is teaching through the text.
- This does not abandon conviction; it puts conviction back under Scripture.

Notes:

THINK ABOUT IT

Which is harder for you: admitting you do not know, changing a long-held conclusion, or learning from someone outside your tradition?

3. Six Positive Changes for Learning

- Chapter 7 identifies a set of positive changes that move us toward humble, fruitful learning.
- The repeated direction is away from self-confidence and rivalry and toward God, His Word, and mutual benefit.

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4. The Humbling Power of God's Word

- Scripture corrects both ignorance and pride.
- The more clearly we see God's greatness, the less need we have to make our own insight the measure of everyone else.

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5. Learning Together

- Christian learning is not merely accumulating conclusions; it is growing together in truth, character, and love.

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Study & Application

Use these after the lesson and related book reading. The complete chapter study-question set remains in the textbook.

1. What distinguishes a learning heart from a merely argumentative mind?

2. How can strong convictions and teachability coexist?

3. Why does Scripture have a humbling effect on a serious learner?

4. Name one change in your discussion habits that would make you more teachable.

KEY TAKEAWAY: A learning heart is strong enough to hold convictions and humble enough to let God's Word keep changing it.

Next: Complete the 7-question Lesson 8 online quiz.