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God excels at managing the diversity He created. He faithfully performs His Word to us ⇒ Jeremiah 1:12 **while** exercising sovereignty at the same time. Example: whatever we sow we reap ⇒ Galatians 6:7-8, **yet** He sometimes allows reaping that was not sown ⇒ Deuteronomy 6:10 **and** other times cancels reaping that was sown ⇒ Exodus 32:1-14. God is greater than any formula or principle. We each need an individual two-way relationship with the Holy Spirit throughout life to stay tuned in to what God's will is.

We will never know what God knows, but He does expect us to apply our hearts to wisdom, and to find knowledge from Him ⇒ Proverbs 2:1-5. Some things in life are obvious, others we are clueless about. The bottom line is to live carefully and humbly ask for help. This article **sensitizes us** to the fact that God manages us individually so we **learn to live teachably**. We need humility to keep us willing to be wrong, and we need communication with the Holy Spirit and God's Word to keep learning what is right.

Paul the Apostle (formerly Saul) had a zealous nature. As a non-Christian, he sowed many acts of violence against believers. God saved him, forgave him of his sins, **yet** he had much reaping to do... **but** only reaping that would fit into God's good plan for him. When God told Ananias to speak to Saul, Ananias mentioned Saul's violence. God's reply was that *Saul* would reap suffering ⇒ Acts 9:10-16. *Saul* means *demand*; *Paul* means *small*: a humbling change. **Paul learned to live teachably** ⇒ 1 Corinthians 2:2-3.

Job lived righteously ⇒ Job 1:1 but had more to learn ⇒ Job 42:5 as we all do. Job suffered by God's sovereignty, never got his questions answered, but was willing to be humbled. **Job learned to live teachably** and was doubly blessed afterwards ⇒ Job 42:10.

David wanted to build a temple for God ⇒ 2 Samuel 7:1-17. God told him his son Solomon would build it, **not** him. WHY? **Solomon** said it was because David was busy fighting God's enemies ⇒ 1 Kings 5:3. **Nathan** said David should build it because God was with him, **but** God corrected Nathan through prophecy. **God** graciously did NOT have Nathan prophecy WHY. **David learned to live teachably**, humbled himself and admitted the real reason WHY: because he shed blood on the earth ⇒ 1 Chronicles 22:8.

Notice how God, Solomon and Nathan graciously handled David's building plan denial **without condemnation**. Do not confuse God's grace with political correctness. Political correctness **arrogantly redefines** sin; grace **saves the humble from** sin ⇒ Ephesians 2:8. Do you recognize the seriously opposite attitudes between these two?

What does this mean for my marriage? How often do you say any of the following, "I was wrong. I am sorry. I learned my lesson. I repent from that evil. Please forgive me." Jesus Christ, the role model for marriage, took the blame for His Bride when she was 100% guilty. **Do we cover our spouse's sin like that, loving our wife as Christ loved the church** ⇒ Ephesians 5:25? God's Word with Jesus attitude and actions are how God commands us to manage our spouse's sin ⇒ Ephesians 5:26. It's how we got saved!

Being wrong and being wronged are part of relationships. **Learning to live teachably** is vital to intimacy. Humble yourself and choose to follow Jesus Christ. ♥ Loren Falzone