



THE PROFILE OF THE KIND OF STUDENT GOD WANTS

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Every teacher would like to have ideal students to teach. Students who desire to learn encourage the teacher to do the very best job possible in teaching; it brings out the best. While teachers may have a profile of the qualities that go into making the ideal student; God has a profile too.

Jesus commanded His followers to “make disciples” (Matthew 28:18-20). The making of a disciple includes acquiring students, learners, imitators, practitioners’, and associates in the teaching and learning process. Jesus spent approximately three and a half years teaching and training His disciples.

While there are numerous textbooks on teaching that contain references to the “ideal student”; the Bible gives us the profile of the ideal student/learner. Psalm 119 presents the qualities of the ideal student and doer of God’s word. This profile must be a core emphasis in our training of teachers and students. It is a presentation of the kind of student God wants; after all, isn’t that all that matters?

The entire 119th Psalm, which was written for our learning (Romans 15:4), needs to be studied, but for the purpose of this lesson we will only look at a few qualities in the Psalmist’s profile.

1. God wants students who walk in His word (v.1).
2. God wants students who walk in His ways (v.3).
3. God wants students who treasure the word in their hearts (v.11).
4. God wants students who want to be taught (v.12)
5. God wants students who will not forget His word (v.16).
6. God wants students who use the word as a counselor (v.24).
7. God wants students who will meditate on His word (v. 48).
8. God wants students who love His word (v. 97).
9. God wants students who get their understanding from His word (v. 104)
10. God wants students who are teachable (v. 108).
11. God wants students who will perform (do) His word (v. 112).



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12. God wants students who respect His judgments (v. 120).
13. God wants students who hate false teachings (v. 128).
14. God wants students who rejoice in His word (v. 162).
15. God wants students who do His commandments (v. 166).

What a wonderful profile of the kind of student God wants. May we as teacher be the kind of students God wants; then we can help others become "like their teacher."