

## Teachable – Key to Freedom

The task before us: Creating and putting into practice the framework and guidelines for true relationship freedoms in all venues. As history unequivocally documents, equal freedom for all continues to be an almost unattainable goal between people and amongst nations. However, to abandon this lofty goal would undoubtedly be disastrous for us all.

So, as some of the first adopters of the empowered-by-the people Republic of the United States of America, we are again confronted with a monumental challenge of delivering a message – a message that can only be fully conveyed with transforming impact by people fully immersed and persuaded by the values and principles forming the Republic.

Regretfully, as we have already experienced in our embryonic endeavor, some have demonstrated attitudes and behavior less than consistent with those necessary foundational values and principles. These founding values and principles encourage a spirit of cooperation, inspiration and enthusiasm - and relationships that produce beneficial results and friendships. As we are drawn together in this great enterprise, our closely held personal values and principles will be revealed and displayed in our attitudes and behavior. Our attitudes and behavior will build up or tear down - bring together or separate – engender freedom or oppress.

Every human being has the opportunity to adopt and perfect values and principles for the common good. Building a republic is primarily and essentially such an opportunity on a person-to-person and grand scale.

Probably one of the most powerful values affecting relationships with others and response to circumstances is to be teachable. – being teachable in all situations. Being prepared and willing to learn is being teachable.

Anyone can be a teacher and everyone can be a learner - teachable in a general sense. However, not everyone will be aware of being a teacher. But, anyone that becomes a consistent learner – teachable – does so by choice and commits to the personal disciplines required to be teachable.

What does being teachable have to do with building nations, specifically a republic? What does being teachable have to do with living and working with others? Consider: To be truly teachable, one recognizes that all situations and all people can be the raw material, the resources for learning. And learning comes in both pleasant and unpleasant experiences.

To be teachable requires choosing to truly value all people and situations – even the difficult and confusing. This experience also can be the means to learn and understand humility. Teachable people choose and practice not to consider themselves better or with rights to control any one or many. Any authority or right to direct another exists only from voluntary consent of the directed. Teachable people are at peace with who they are and freely allow others to be wholly who they are.

A teachable people never deny the truth and expression of other people's unalienable rights. Teachable people are foundational and without substitute for building a great nation – a republic.