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## III. The Need for a Teachable Heart

Ecclesiastes 4:13 - Better a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king who no longer knows how to take warning

A. Assurance of Mutual Love - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

1. Provides a context for transparency

2. Someone is there in time of need – Proverbs 17:17

B. Reasons for Withdrawing and Defensiveness

1. Fear of judgment or rejection "If I tell you who I am, you may not like who I am, and it's all that I have"

2. Effort to maintain a "spiritual image"

3. The liberation of not withdrawing "Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed" (James 5:16, NASB).

An example: