



SERMON NOTES

The Book of Acts

Are You Sure?

Pastor Carl Toti - June 22-23, 2019

Acts 17:10-15 (NIV)

10 As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. 12 Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men. 13 When the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, they went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up. 14 The brothers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea. 15 The men who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible.

Matthew 24:35 (NKJV)

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Acts 17:10-11 (NIV)

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“True nobility isn’t about being better than someone else. It’s about being better than you used to be.”

Wayne Dyer

DEVELOPING NOBILITY

1. _____

Acts 17:11 (NIV)

11 “...they received the message with great eagerness...”

Psalms 119:36 (NLT)

36 Give me an eagerness for your laws rather than a love for money!

Proverbs 6:16 (TLB)

16 For there are six things the Lord hates—no, seven: haughtiness, lying, murdering, plotting evil, eagerness to do wrong, a false witness, sowing discord among brothers.

2. _____

Acts 17:11c (MSG)

11c “...examining the Scriptures to see if they supported what he said.”

John 5:39 (AMP)

39 You search and investigate and pore over the Scriptures diligently, because you suppose and trust that you have eternal life through them. And these [very Scriptures] testify about Me!

3. _____

Acts 17:11c (NIV)

11c ...examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

4. _____

Acts 17:11 (NJB)

11 Here the Jews were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they welcomed the word very readily; every day they studied the scriptures to check whether it was true.

3 DANGEROUS TEACHINGS

1. Hyper Grace Movement: The belief that when a person is saved all future sins are already/automatically forgiven.

Good resource - Michael Brown's book called: Hyper Grace Fallibility of Scripture

2. A famous Atlanta preacher advocated that Christians need to "unhitch from the Old Testament." You can trust the inerrancy and the infallibility of the Holy Scriptures.

Good resource: <https://corechristianity.com/resource-library/articles/10-reasons-why-you-should-trust-the-bible>

3. Cessationism: A Christian doctrine that spiritual gifts such as speaking in tongues, prophecy and healing ceased with the apostolic age.

Good resource: The God I Never Knew by Robert Morris

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Answers:

1) EAGERNESS

2) EXAMINATION

3) EVERYDAYNESS

4) EXACTNESS