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<u>11</u> These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

<u>12</u> Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few. <u>13</u> But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people. <u>14</u> And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

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(1) Paul's Coming to Berea, 17:10b "...who coming *thither* went into the synagogue of the Jews."

Act 9:25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

<u>Mt. 10:23</u> But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.



## (2) Paul's Contacts at Berea, 17:11

(a) How Willingly They Received the Gospel, 17:11a "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind..."

Original Word: εὐγενής Transliteration: Eugene Definition: (a) of noble birth, of high birth, (b) noble in nature. https://biblehub.com/greek/2104.htm

- "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica..." = note the Scriptural description of difference between the reception of the Gospel between the Bereans and the Thessalonians.
- The tape measure of difference, important to the Lord, was the attitude of receptivity of the Word of God: "...they received the word with all readiness of mind..."

Original Word: προθυμία Transliteration: prothumia Definition: inclination, readiness, eagerness, willingness, promptness.

Prothymía – properly, "before-passion" referring to someone who is already being willing, i.e. an eager disposition which is preinclined (already "ready and willing"). https://biblehub.com/greek/4288.htm (a) How Wisely They Researched the Gospel, 17:11b "...and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

Jn. 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

(3) Paul's Converts at Berea, 17:12

<u>Acts 17:12</u> Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

<u>Acts 19:29</u> And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

Acts 20:4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

Spiritual harvests are fruits of Spiritual planting...

<u>1 Pet. 1:23</u> Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

<u>1 Cor. 1:21</u> For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

## (4) Paul's Conflicts at Berea, 17:13

Acts 17:13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.

Original Word: σαλεύω Transliteration: saleuó Definition: I shake, excite, disturb in mind, stir up, drive away. https://biblehub.com/greek/4531.htm

## (5) Paul's Concern at Berea, 17:14

Acts 17:14 And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

<u>1 Thess. 3:1</u> Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone; <u>2</u> And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:



## Conclusion

<u>2 Tim. 4:2</u> Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
<u>3</u> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; <u>4</u> And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

<u>Isa. 55:10</u> For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

<u>11</u> So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.