



Be a Berean!

Lesson 6

Spiritual Skill #3 _____ What You Are Hearing with the Bible!

Be _____ to check the spoken word of men with the written Word of God!

Acts 17:1-12

- The Thessalonians are examples of the **first two spiritual skills** to ὁπακούω! Acts 17:1-9; 1Thessalonians 2:13; 1:9-10



- The Bereans are examples of the **third spiritual skill** to ὁπακούω! Acts 17:10-12

What was the difference between the Jews of Thessalonica and the Jews of Berea (see vv. 4-5 and vv. 12)

"more fair-minded" NKJV

"more open-minded" NET, HCSB

"more noble-minded" NAS, ESV

"more noble character" NIV

Literal meaning = A person of **noble** _____ (like a nobleman) Luke 19:12; 1Corinthians 1:26

Figurative meaning = A person with a **noble** _____ (like the Bereans) Acts 17:11; 1Corinthians 1:26-30

Two Characteristics of Those Who Listen to Sermons with a Noble Spirit:

Luke obviously admires their enthusiasm for Paul's preaching, together with their industry and unprejudiced openness in studying the Scriptures. They combined receptivity with critical questioning." ~John Stott

- A _____ Heart

"in that they received the word with all **readiness**" NKJV

"for they received the word with **great eagerness**" NAS

"they **listened eagerly** to Paul's message" NLT

A Receptive Heart Receives Preaching with... 2 Cor 8:11-12, 19; 9:2

- 1) Great _____
- 2) Great _____
- 3) Great _____
- 4) Great _____

- A _____ Mind

"and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." NKJV (pres ptcp is coordinate in this trans. HCSB)

"examining the scriptures carefully every day to see if these things were so." NET (pres ptcp is epexegetical or better adverbial NAS, ESV)

A Receptive Heart Is Tied to...

- 1) Our _____ with the written Word

2) The _____ of the written Word.

"Luke gave the Jews at Berea undying fame by characterizing them as being "more noble" (eugenesteroi) than the Thessalonian Jews because they tested the truth of Paul's message by the touchstone of Scripture rather than judging it by political and cultural considerations."
~Richard N. Longnecker

3) The _____ of the written Word.

Six Ways to Listen to Sermons Like a Berean:

➤ _____ your Bible.

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The goal is not to do your own bible study during the sermon, but to be diligent in checking the spoken word of men with the written Word of God!

➤ _____ your Bible.

- 1) **Circle** or **underline** key words and phrases
- 2) Key **cross-references**
- 3) Write down **definitions** of key words
- 4) Main **points** of the sermon
- 5) Special **quotes** by the speaker
- 6) **Whatever** the Holy Sprit is speaking to your heart through that particular passage

➤ _____ your Bible.

Spiritual Skill #3 CHECK What You Hear with the Bible!

- **Be a Receptive Hearer:** *Be prepared to receive the preached Word with all willingness, eagerness, and readiness!*
- **Be a Discerning Learner:** *Be diligent to check what is spoken by men with what is written by God!*

Come to the Bible with an Open Mind but Don't Check Your Brains at the Door!