

Visiting the Cities of Acts



Simplicity

Acts 17:10-15

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Noble means of exalted moral character

Ezra 7:10

The Bereans simply had an open-heart attitude to receive God's Word.

Romans 12:11

The Bereans simply examined for truth.

Romans 10:17, 2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Timothy 3:15-17

The Bereans simply grew in faith and in number.

7 Reasons why Bible study will change your life.

- 1. You will be blessed! *Psalm 119:1***
- 2. You will be purified. *Psalm 119:9***
- 3. You will see amazing and miraculous things. *Psalm 119:18***
- 4. You will be revived. *Psalm 119:25***
- 5. You will see God's love. *Psalm 119:64***
- 6. You will receive wisdom and direction. *Psalm 119:104-105***
- 7. You will have peace. *Psalm 119:165***

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Cities of Acts: Simplicity

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Acts 17:10 ESV The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue.

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The Bereans lived in Simplicity.

Acts 17:11 ESV Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

Acts 17:12 NASB Therefore, many of them believed, along with a significant number of prominent Greek women and men.

Acts 17:11 ESV Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

Noble means distinguished, of exalted moral character

Ezra 7:10 ESV For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach His statutes and rules in Israel.

Acts 17:11 ESV Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

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Some go to church just for a walk,
Some go to church to laugh and talk,
Some go there the time to spend,
Some go there to meet a friend.
Some go there for speculation—
Some go there for observation,
Some go there to doze and nod,
Some, how few, to to worship God.

Romans 12:11 NIV Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

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Acts 17:11 ESV Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

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“If all the time I have spent praying for faith was put together it would be months. I thought that someday faith was going to come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not come. Then one day

I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, *Romans 10:17 NIV* *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. I had closed my Bible, and prayed for 'faith.' I now opened my Bible and began to read God's Word, and faith has been growing ever since.*" - Dwight L. Moody

2 Timothy 2:15 ESV *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of Truth.*

2 Timothy 3:15-17 *You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work.*

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Acts 17:12-13 NLT *As a result, many Jews believed, as did many of the prominent Greek women and men. ¹³ But when some Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God in Berea, they went there and stirred up trouble.*

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“ If God has spoken, listen! If God has recorded His words in a Book, search its pages with a believing heart. If you do not accept it as God's inspired word, I cannot invite you to pay any particular attention to it; but if you regard it as the Book of God, I charge you, as I shall meet you at the judgement seat of Christ, study the Bible daily. Treat not the Eternal God with disrespect, but delight in His Word.” - Charles Spurgeon

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1. You will be blessed! *Psalm 119:1 NIV* *Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.*

2. You will be purified. *Psalm 119:9 NIV* *How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.*

3. You will see amazing and miraculous things. *Psalm 119:18 NLT* *Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions.*

4. You will be revived. *Psalm 119:25 NASB* *My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.*

5. You will see God's love. *Psalm 119:64 NLT* *O Lord, your unfailing love fills the earth; teach me your decrees.*

6. You will receive wisdom and direction. *Psalm 119:104-105 NLT* *Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*

7. You will have peace. *Psalm 119:165 NLT* *Those who love your instructions have great peace and do not stumble.*

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