

***Being More
Noble***

Acts 17:1-12

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1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

Acts 17:1-12 - continued

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

Acts 17:1-12 - continued

9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 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.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.



Noble Things

A. Some think of a higher political or social status

B. Some think of a holding to a higher moral standard

C. Some think of a having superior attitude

Noble = Fair-minded

D. Being noble is an issue of attitude not position

Ecclesiastes 4:13-14

13 Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished.

14 For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also he that is born in his kingdom becometh poor.

I. Searching Instead Of Speculating

A. To search you need to want to search

Psalm 77:6

I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

B. You need to be accepting of what you find

Lamentations 3:40

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.

I. Searching Instead Of Speculating

C. You need to search in the right places

Psalm 64:6

They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.

John 5:39

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

II. Humble Instead Of Hardhearted

A. Honor is at stake

Proverbs 18:12

Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

B. God's grace is at stake

1 Peter 5:5

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

II. Humble Instead Of Hardhearted

C. God's forgiveness is at stake

Luke 18:14

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

D. Your joy is at stake

Psalm 69:32

The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

III. Committed Instead Of Complaining

A. To let God work in your life

Psalm 37:5

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

B. To let God establish your thoughts

Proverbs 16:3

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

III. Committed Instead Of Complaining

C. To let God get you through trials

2 Timothy 1:12

**For the which cause I also suffer these things:
nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have
believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that
which I have committed unto him against that day.**

Be Born - Again
Into Nobility