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**Transforming Daily**  
**“ . . . they received the Word with all readiness . . . ”**  
*Acts 17:11*

What a tremendous compliment for the believers at Berea. Luke tells the reader that these people were ready and waiting to hear the teaching of the Word of God. The context leads the reader to the conclusion that the Bereans received the preaching of the Word of God, and those who preached it, with a better mindset and more gracious attitude than any other group to which Paul and Silas ministered.

This is an important distinction to any minister and for any ministry. That a people are ready and willing to receive God's Word, and act on it, is an amazing set of circumstances. It truly is. It's not as common as one might think. A people hungry for the Word of God is always a welcome (and surprising) experience by every preacher and teacher. It doesn't matter whether it is a group of unbelievers, new believers, or mature believers. The prospect of anyone ready and willing to submit themselves to the preaching of God's Word is amazing, and by this preacher, appreciated and not taken for granted.

What is the end result of such discipline? The Bereans are remembered for their readiness to hear and willingness to take action on what they heard. They are used in the Scriptures as well as in sermons as an illustration of the best conduct becoming any believer. In return, the Bereans were an encouragement to Paul and Silas as well as every believer who hears their story, including us.

Are you ready to receive the Word of God? Have you disciplined your life to hear Scripture and to take the appropriate actions thereafter? Can you be used as an illustration as the Bereans were (are) in that they received the Word with all readiness?