

Week 07
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Transforming Daily
“... searched the Scriptures daily ...”
Acts 17:11b.

The Bereans didn't just read the Word of God. They didn't just look for something that was going to make them feel good for the moment. I don't know that they were even looking for anything of a personal application (outside of salvation and sanctification). Luke says very clearly that they searched the Word of God. In a manner of speaking, just as Paul told Timothy in his epistle to Timothy, they were studying to show themselves approved (2 Timothy 2:15), that is they purposed to intently look into what Paul and Silas had taught them.

I remember serving at a church that was preparing to build a new building. The building was a multi-use education building. The funds were going to be raised through a bond program. There was a special business meeting one Wednesday evening to explain how the money was to be invested. I'll never forget the sight of all those who were sitting on the front rows of the pews in the sanctuary that night who normally sat with their arms crossed in the back of the sanctuary under the balcony when the Word of God was being preached. They were more interested in the temporary investment of their money than they were of the eternal investment of God's Word. Sadly, this is not an uncommon occurrence in many churches.

This illustration isn't to say that knowing about the finances of a church isn't important only that knowing the Scriptures is more important. The former has no meaning or significance without the latter. Further, the very same thing can be said of the temporal priorities of an individual's life. Compared to knowing God's Word and the studying of it, everything else false short.

How well do you know God's Word? How often do you read it? Do you ever study the Word of God? Do you only turn to the Scriptures when you're looking for personal gain? Having established a discipline for studying God's Word and searching out its truths, do you make it a practice to pass your research on? Can it be said of you that you've searched the Scriptures daily?