



NOBLE MEN

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“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. 13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people. 14 And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still. 15 And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all speed they departed. 16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. 17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.” (Acts 17:10–17)

INTRODUCTION _____

1. _____ Men

A. A _____ Routine

Characteristics of a Predictable Man

1. In Our Personal Walk with God

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.” (Mark 1:35)

2. In Our Family Leadership

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;” (Ephesians 5:25)

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)

3. In Our Church Faithfulness

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24–25)

4. In Our Friendships

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.” (Proverbs 27:6)

B. A _____ Message

“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.” (Acts 17:2–3)

Definition: *manner*—to be accustomed, custom

2. _____ Men

A. A _____ Mind

THEY RECEIVED GLADLY

Definition: *received*—to take with the hand; to take hold of, take up, to receive favourably, give ear to, embrace

Definition: *embrace*—to seize eagerly; to lay hold on; to receive or take with willingness that which is offered

Quote: “When you’re making sure everyone’s on the same page, confirm that you’re in the same book and all parties can read.”

THEY GRASPED WILLINGLY

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”
(1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Quote: “It is blessed to eat into the very soul of the Bible until, at last, you come to talk in Scriptural language, and your spirit is flavored with the words of the Lord, so that your blood is Bible and the very essence of the Bible flows from you.”

—C.H. Spurgeon

B. A _____ Mind

AN EAGERNESS TO EXPLORE

Definition: readiness—zeal, spirit, eagerness

Quote: “I venture to say that the bulk of Christians spend more time in reading the newspaper than they do reading the Word of God.”—C. H. Spurgeon

Quote: “The neglect of the Scriptures is not want of time, but heart. Some idol taking the place of Christ.”

“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. 2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?”
(Psalm 42:1-2)

Quote: “The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts.”—George Müller

AN EAGERNESS TO EXAMINE

Definition: *searched*—examine or judge, to investigate, enquire into, scrutinize, sift, question

AN EAGERNESS TO EXECUTE

3. _____ Men

A. Resilient When _____

Quote: “Man’s disappointments are God’s divine appointments.”

“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” (2 Timothy 3:12)

B. Resilient to _____

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Definition: *stirred*—to stimulate, spur on, urge, to irritate, provoke, arouse to anger

CONCLUSION _____

