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Bible Study

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"Don't Just Go for It, Grow for It"

Acts17:10

2 Peter 3:17-18 read, "You already know these things, dear friends. So be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your secure footing. Rather, you must grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen." (NLT) These verses record the final words written by Peter, the disciple who walked with Jesus on earth. Local churches would be more impactful if all their congregants prioritized growing in their faith by way of the Word of God. Furthermore, the world would likewise be a better place to live in if the aforementioned statement became a reality. This lesson is designed to share crucial components for Christians to grow closer to the Lord.

Breakdown of Acts 17:10-14

- 1. The <u>Arrival</u> in Berea
- The <u>Revival</u> in Berea
 The Survival in Berea

- Verse 10 Verses 11-12 Verses 13-14
- 1. <u>Preparation</u> for the Word can help you grow closer to the Lord. Verse 11

"Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."

(NIV)

2. <u>Examination</u> through the Word can help you grow closer to the Lord.

Verse 11

"Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness **and examined the Scriptures** every day to see if what Paul said was true."

(NIV)

3. <u>Dedication</u> to the Word can help you grow closer to the Lord. Verse 11

"Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures **every day** to see if what Paul said was true."

> (NIV) (Over)

4. **Evaluation**

by the Word can help you grow closer to the Lord.

Verse 11

"Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day **to see if what Paul said was true.**"

(NIV)

5. <u>Application</u> of the Word can help you grow closer to the Lord. Verses 13-14

"But when the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, some of them went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up. 14) The believers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea."

(NIV)

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