

Growth Through the Bible (Part 2)

Acts 17:1-15

1 Timothy 4:7-8 – “Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.”

I. The Example of the Bereans (Acts 17:1-15)

1. Go where they are. (Acts 17:1-2; 10)
2. Scriptures are our tools for reasoning. (Acts 17:2)
3. Scriptures are our tools for explaining Christ.
4. Scriptures are our tools for proving His resurrection.
5. Scriptures are the reason people follow or denounce Christ. (Acts 17:4-5)
6. Bereans received the Word eagerly. (Acts 17:11)
7. Bereans examined the Scriptures Daily. (Acts 17:11)

II. Growing in our Grasp of God’s Word

1. Hear the Word

Luke 11:28 – “But he [Jesus] said, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!’”

Romans 10:17 – “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

John 5:24 – “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

2. Read the Word

1 Timothy 4:13 – “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Matthew 4:4 – “But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ””

3. Study the Word

Ezra 7:10 – “For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.”

2 Timothy 2:2 – “and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”

4. Memorize the Word

2 Peter 3:1-2 – “This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,”

Psalm 119:11 – “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

5. Meditate on the Word

Psalm 77:12 – “I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.”

Joshua 1:8 – “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

6. Apply the Word

James 1:22 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”