

Acts 17:11

These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

Here's a question for you. If you never went to church, or heard anyone teach or tell you about Jesus or God, how much would you know about God, Jesus and salvation based upon how much of the bible you have read or read now?

Now don't get me wrong, it's great to go to church and read devotionals like this one and books on the bible. But think about it for a minute. We are talking about your eternity here, and what will happen when you die, because a survey was done and ten out of every ten people will die.

But are you basing your eternity on what man tells you, or what you know for yourself because you have read it yourself in the bible?

I remember one time I posted on Facebook (to be funny of course), "Don't tell anyone, but today, I washed and rinsed my hair but didn't repeat." Now if you have never read the instruction on a shampoo bottle, that's what it says for the instructions, "Wash, Rinse, Repeat" But how many of us do that? Sure we will wash and rinse our hair, but that's it, and why, because that's how we were taught to do it. But if you stopped and checked it out for yourself, you would find that what you were taught was a half truth.

"Washing your hair verses where I am going to spend eternity, I'm not getting it Steve?" You may be thinking.

I know there is a huge difference between the two; but the thing is, you never know the truth for sure unless you check it out for yourself.

Think of today's devotional verse. This is talking about the Berean's who heard what Paul was teaching them, but they didn't just take his word for it. No, they checked it out to make sure it was true. ***They received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.***

It's like the Internet, as some of you may find it hard to believe (I'm kidding here) but not everything on the Internet is true.

What about these devotionals? Some of you know me, but most of you have no idea who I am, so are you going to take my word as truth that I teach here, or are you going to check it out for yourself?

Jesus even warns us of such people who want to deceive us into believing a lie:

† **Matthew 24:24** *For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*

Now I pray that I would always teach God's word in Spirit and in Truth, but unless you are in the word yourself everyday and reading it all, you won't know.

† **John 5:39** *You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.*