

IT AIN'T EASY

BEIN' BEREAN



# STUDY THE WORD DAILY

- **Luke 11:52** "Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."
- **Luke 8:12** "The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved."

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- **Luke 11:27-28** As He said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
- **Luke 16:29-31** But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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- **Hosea 4:6** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to Me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.
- **Nehemiah 13:23-24** In those days also I saw the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and they could not speak the language of Judah, but only the language of each people.

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All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

# NOBLE & EAGER

- **Thessalonica vs. James 3:13-18** Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have **bitter jealousy and selfish ambition** in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.
- **1 Peter 2:1-3** So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation--if indeed you have **tasted that the Lord is good.**

# EXAMINED THE SCRIPTURES . . .

- **Hebrews 5:11-14** About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their **powers of discernment trained by constant practice** to distinguish good from evil.



# EXAMINED THE SCRIPTURES . . .

- **Ephesians 4:11-14** And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, **tossed to and fro** by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.
- **James 3:17-18** But the wisdom from above is first pure, then **peaceable, gentle, open to reason**, full of **mercy** and good fruits, **impartial** and **sincere**. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.



# THEREFORE, THEY BELIEVED . . .

- **What comes before peace?** James 3:17 "But the wisdom from above is first **pure**, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere."
- **James 1:19-26**
- **Hebrews 12:11** For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the **peaceful fruit of righteousness** to those who have been trained by it.

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- **Acts 8:18-19** Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

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- **Matthew 23:29-31** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets."
- **1 Peter 2:18-20** Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

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- **1 Peter 4:1-3** Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.
- **Hebrews 13:5-6** Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

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- **Hebrews 13:4** Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.
- **Ephesians 4:29; 5:4** Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear . . . Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.
- **Ephesians 4:26** Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

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- **Philippians 4:4-7** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- **Philippians 4:8-9** Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me--practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

# WHY BE A BEREAN?

- Because Bereans were of good character.
- Because Bereans were lovers of God's word.
- Because Bereans were eager to study.
- Because Bereans were studious students of the word.
- Because Bereans were competent and equipped
- Because Bereans were changing their lives for the better.
- Because Bereans were at peace.
- Because Bereans were acceptable to God.