**Text**: Acts 17:11

**Topic**: Theology/Learning

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 **A Well Balance Believer**

“Avoiding danger by being balanced”

**Text**: **Acts 17:10-12**, “**10**The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. **12**Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men.” **English Standard Version**

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**Point #1: Be** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.11A**

 Sub-point A.) ***Recognize your position*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

 Sub-point B.) ***Receive the message with*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

 Sub-point C.) ***Receive the message with*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

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**Point #2: Judge** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.11B**

 Sub-point A.) ***Evaluate it*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Sub-point B.) ***Evaluate it*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**Corollary Verses**: Acts 17:5; Jeremiah 29:11; Philippians 4:13; Luke 2:28; John 7:24; 1 Thessalonians 5:16; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16; and 2 Peter 1:20.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **1 John 4:1**; **Philippians 1:9-10**; and **1 Timothy 6:3-5** then answer the following questions. What is the goal of discernment? How do you test teaching? In first Timothy 6 passage what does a false teacher have a craving for? Can you give an example of this in our modern world? What is “the teaching that accords with godliness” mean? Why is it important that a teacher not only teach sound doctrine but live a life that reflects godliness?

2.) Read **Psalm 119:33-40**; **Proverbs 15:14**; and **2 Peter 3:18** then answer the following questions. Why does Peter command us to continue to grow? Whose responsibility is it to grow and how is it synergistic? How often do you pray for understanding and discernment?

3.) Read **Proverbs 11:2**, **16:18**; **Philippians 2:3-5**; and **1 Peter 5:5** then answer the following questions. What role does humility play in the learning process? Why is it important to rid yourself of pride before seeking understanding of the Scriptures?

4.) Read **Nehemiah 8:1-8**; **2 Corinthians 4:2**; and **2 Timothy 2:15** then answer the following questions. How does a modern day worship service resemble what Ezra did in Nehemiah? Who helped the people understand the word of God? What did Paul refuse to do when it came to God’s word, and how does it relate to us? What does Paul tell timothy about handling the word of God? Are we under the same charge?