

## ~STUDY of GOD'S WORD~

Do we study the word of God as we should or do we just take what someone else says and let that be our guideline? This is not to say that what we hear from others is always wrong, but we should have the attitude of the Bereans recorded in Acts 17:10, 11.

The Bereans were more noble than the ones in Thessalonica, after hearing Paul the apostle preach God's word, the Bereans checked and searched the scriptures to see what Paul said was true. After check and finding what Paul said was true, they could receive the word of God with a ready mind, and this they did daily. Should not we have the same concern and do the same?

Here at "our congregation" we have not had a regular preacher teach anything wrong and that is a real blessing to have sound preachers to stand for the truth. But sadly to say this is not always the case in the brotherhood, causing many to go astray of not holding fast to the true word of God.

We are also instructed in II Timothy 2:15 to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". The more we study the word of God with the right attitude the more we will understand what we must do to be pleasing to God. It is the only way to know what is truth, as recorded in John 8:32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free".

We hope and pray that each of us will be more involved in the study of God's word and we will be blessed in so doing.

This is the admonishment of the Elders to the congregation at West Side Church of Christ in Salem, VA

Would not this be good admonishment to any and all of God's children?