

Be a Noble Hearer
Acts 17:1-15

Main Point:

Like the Bereans, you should be a noble hearer of preaching; do this for Jesus who lived by the Word of God for you.

1. God desires His Word to be faithfully preached.
2. There is a sinful way to respond to preaching.
3. There is a noble way to respond to preaching.
4. Out of appreciation for Jesus, be a noble hearer of preaching.

2 Timothy 4:2 ² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. (NKJV)

Acts 13:44-45 ⁴⁴ On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson “Paul did affirm that Jesus is king; but Jesus’ rule dictated not revolution against Rome, but respectful submission to human rulers.”

Derek Thomas “These words provide for us a paradigm as to how preaching ought to be heard at any time. They provide an answer to the question: ‘How should we listen to a sermon?’”

Derek Thomas “Listening to sermons should result in a desire to put what we learn into practice.”

Psalms 119:97 ⁹⁷ Oh, how I love Your law! It *is* my meditation all the day. (NKJV)

Derek Thomas “Unless we are in love with Scripture itself, we will always have shallow views and even shallower expectations of sermons.”

WSC 89 Q. How is the word made effectual to salvation? A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

John 14:21 ²¹ "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." (NKJV)