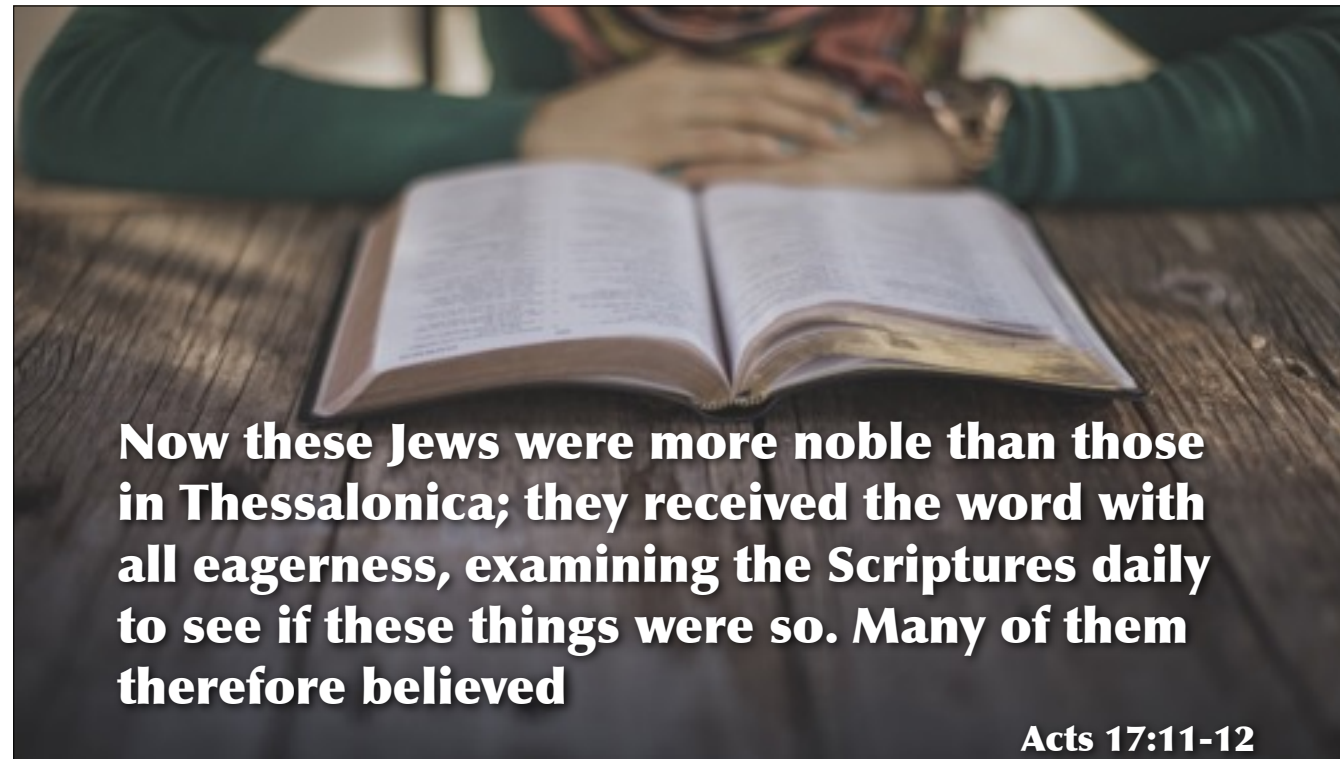




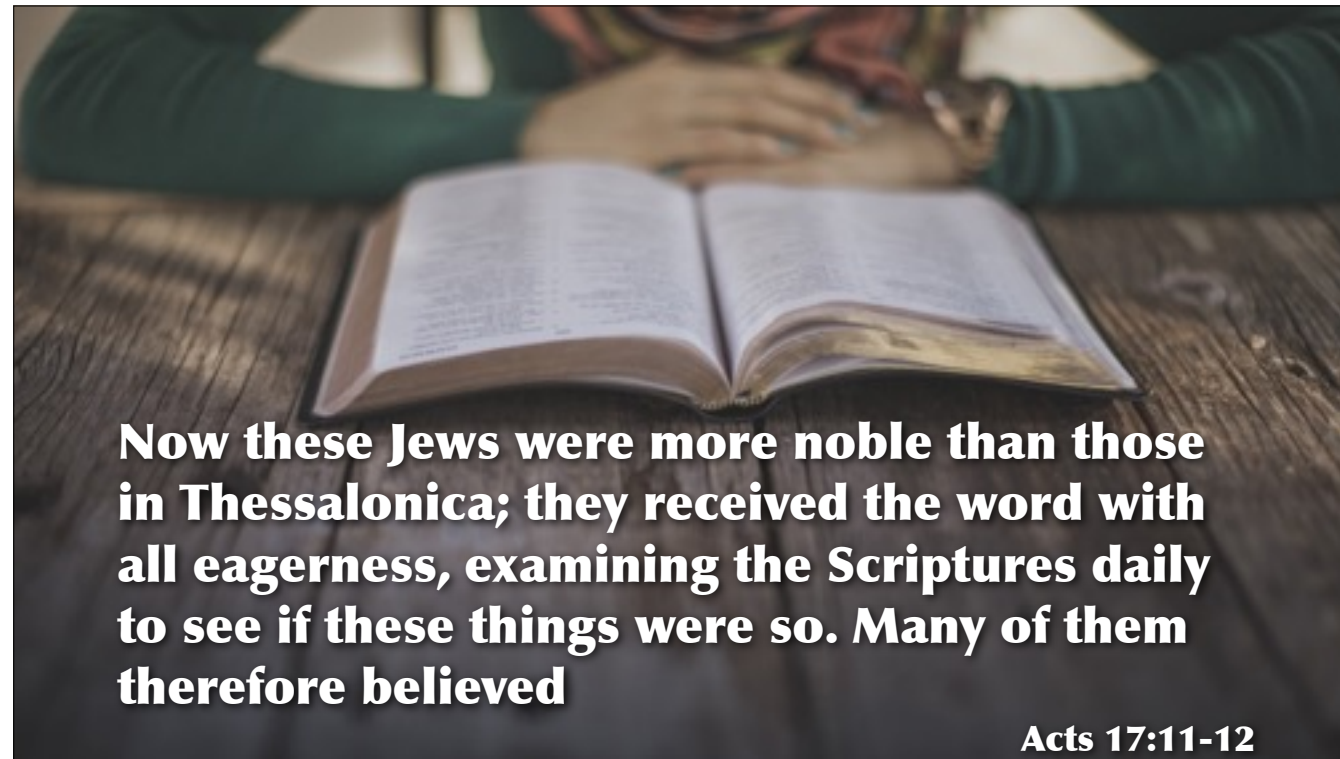
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Acts 17:11-12

- Provides a wonderful lesson on the right way to hear and receive the teachings we have from God.



- Right Source



- Scriptures
 - Psalms 119:97: Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.



- It's not really about a book... it's what is contained in the book.
 - Should not worship the book.
 - Book contains the words of God.
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**: All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.



- This is how God has chosen to communicate with us.
- **Ephesians 3:4-5:** When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.



- **Jude 1:3:** Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for **the faith that was once for all delivered** to the saints.
- **2 Peter 1:21:** For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



- What about the teachers...
- Modern teachers are not inspired as the apostles and prophets.
- But even Paul, who was inspired, still applauded the Bereans for verifying his teaching with God's own words.



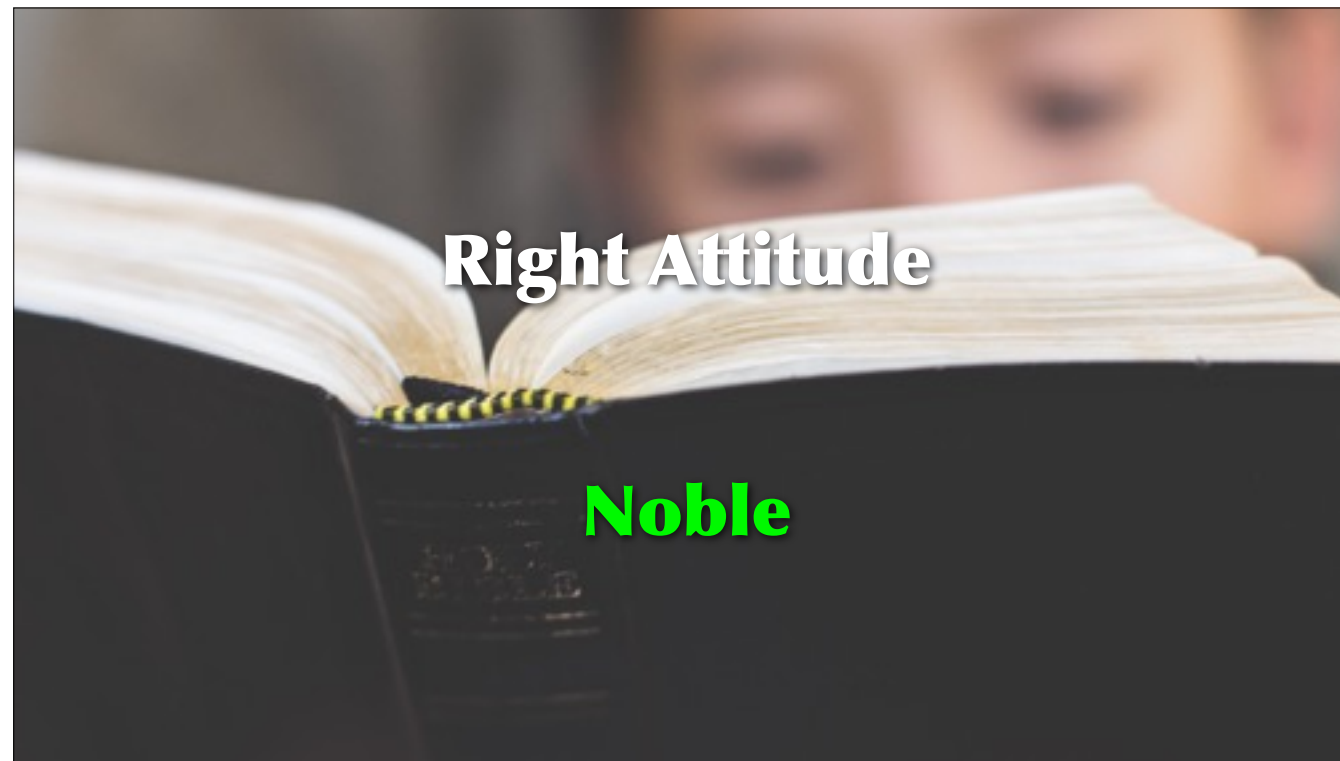
- There are so many false teachers, claiming special knowledge, claiming a message from God.
- All you hear from teachers, friends, etc. needs to be checked against the Truth, found in one book.



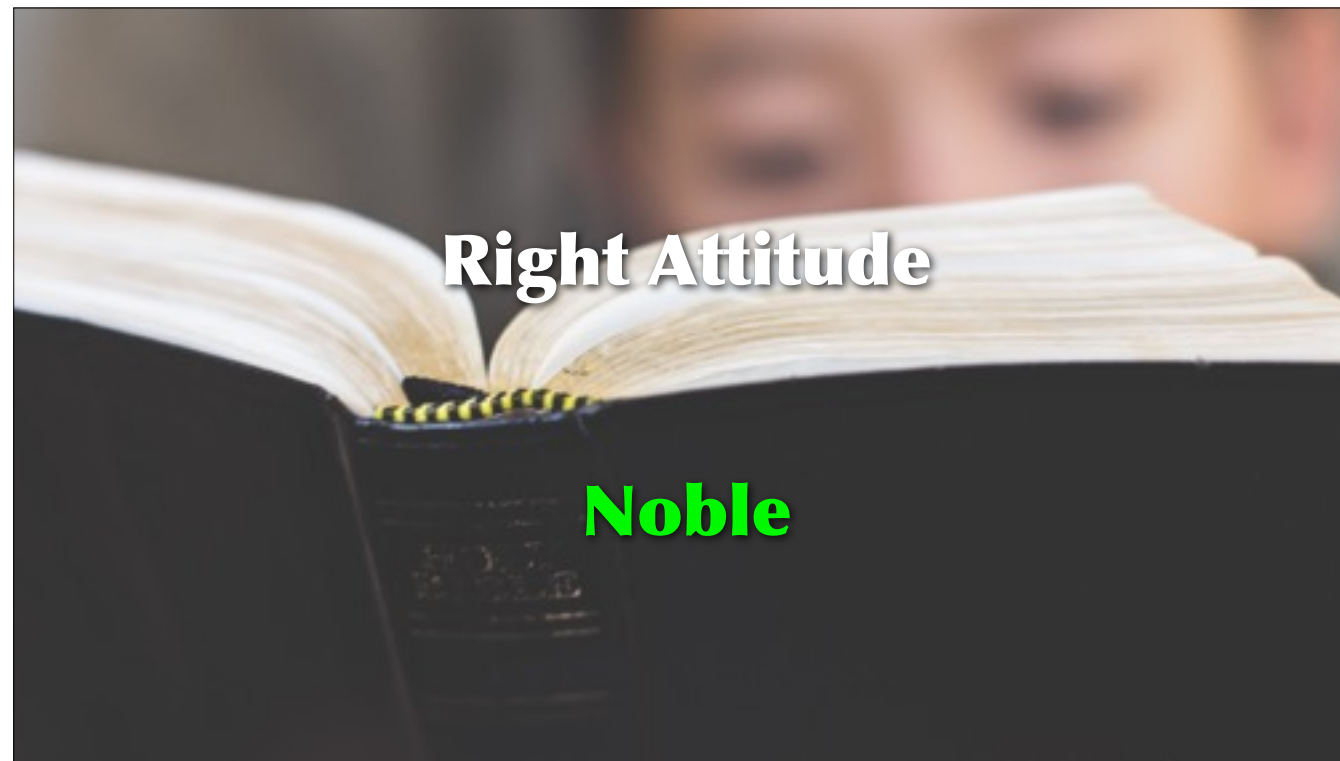
- Good teachers will applaud this also!
- Truth is only from God
- Teachers help; but are not inspired, infallible, or always right.



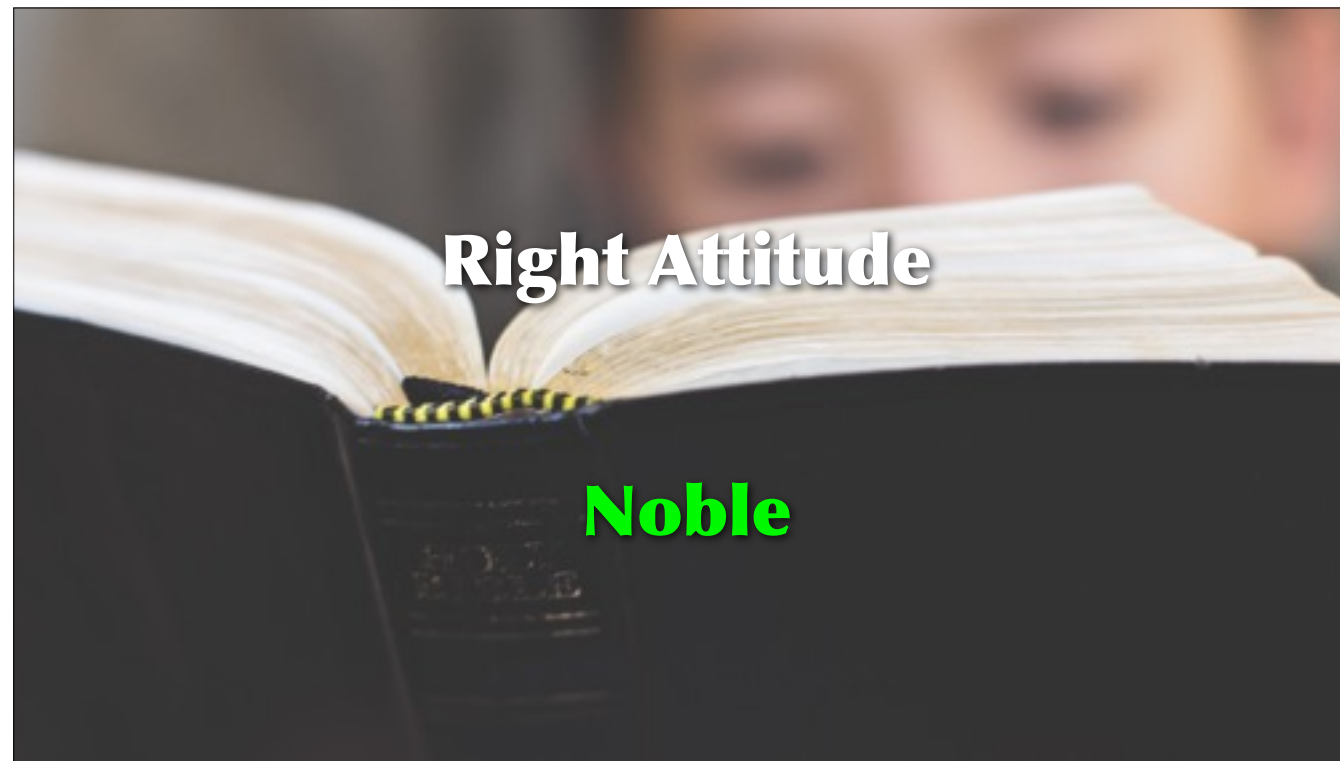
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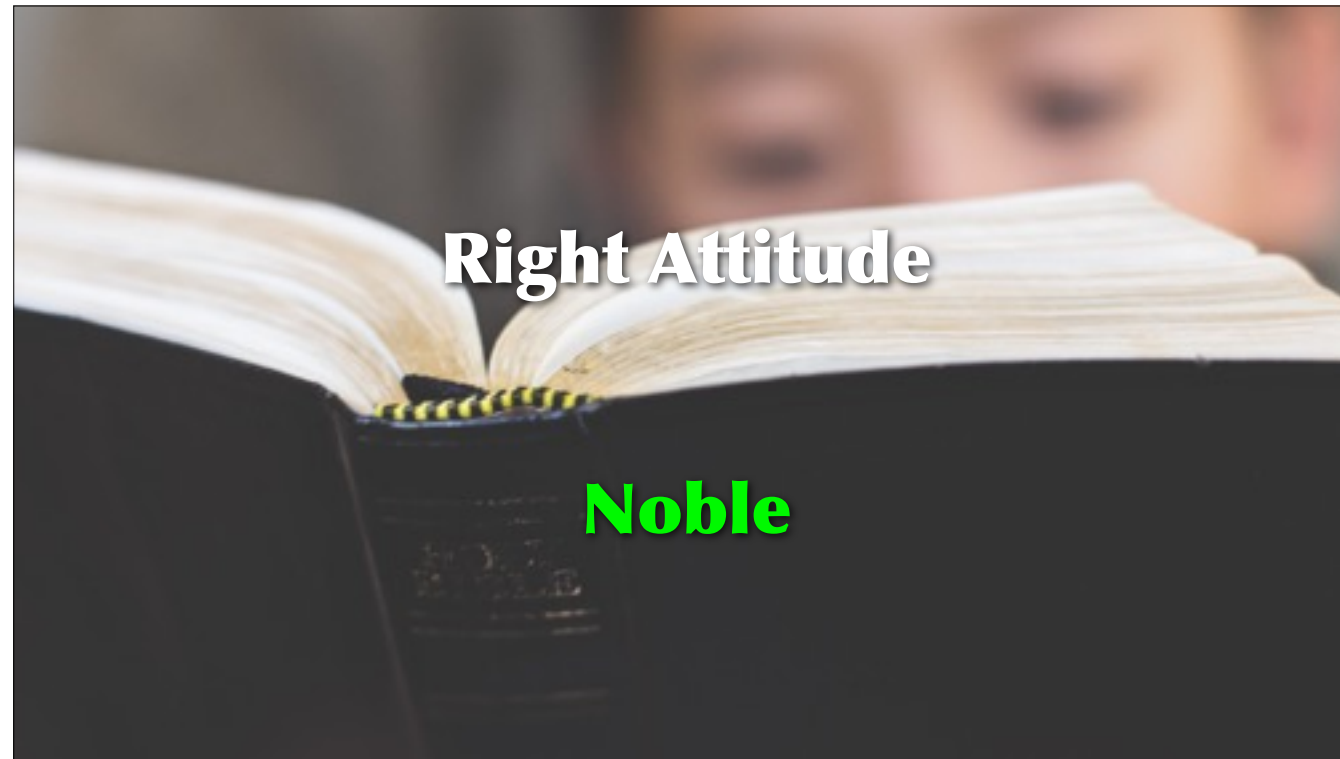
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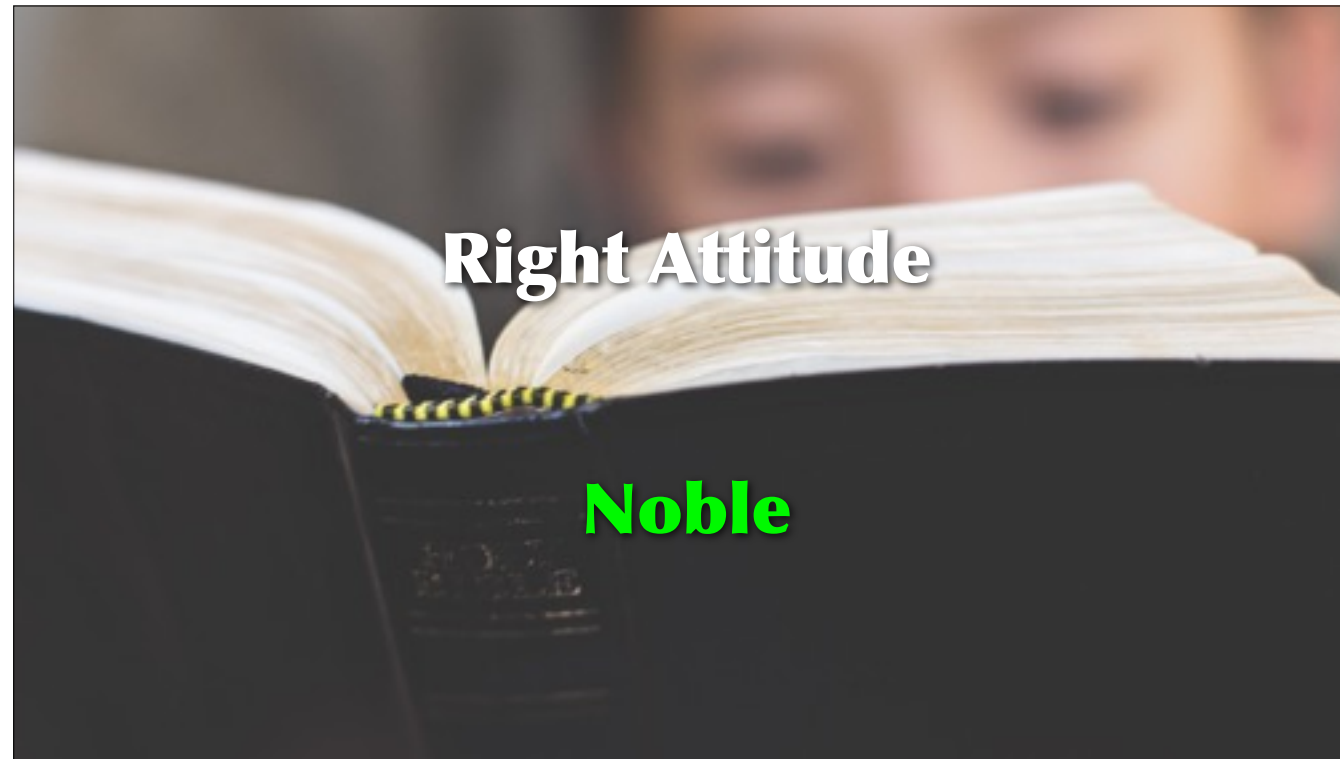
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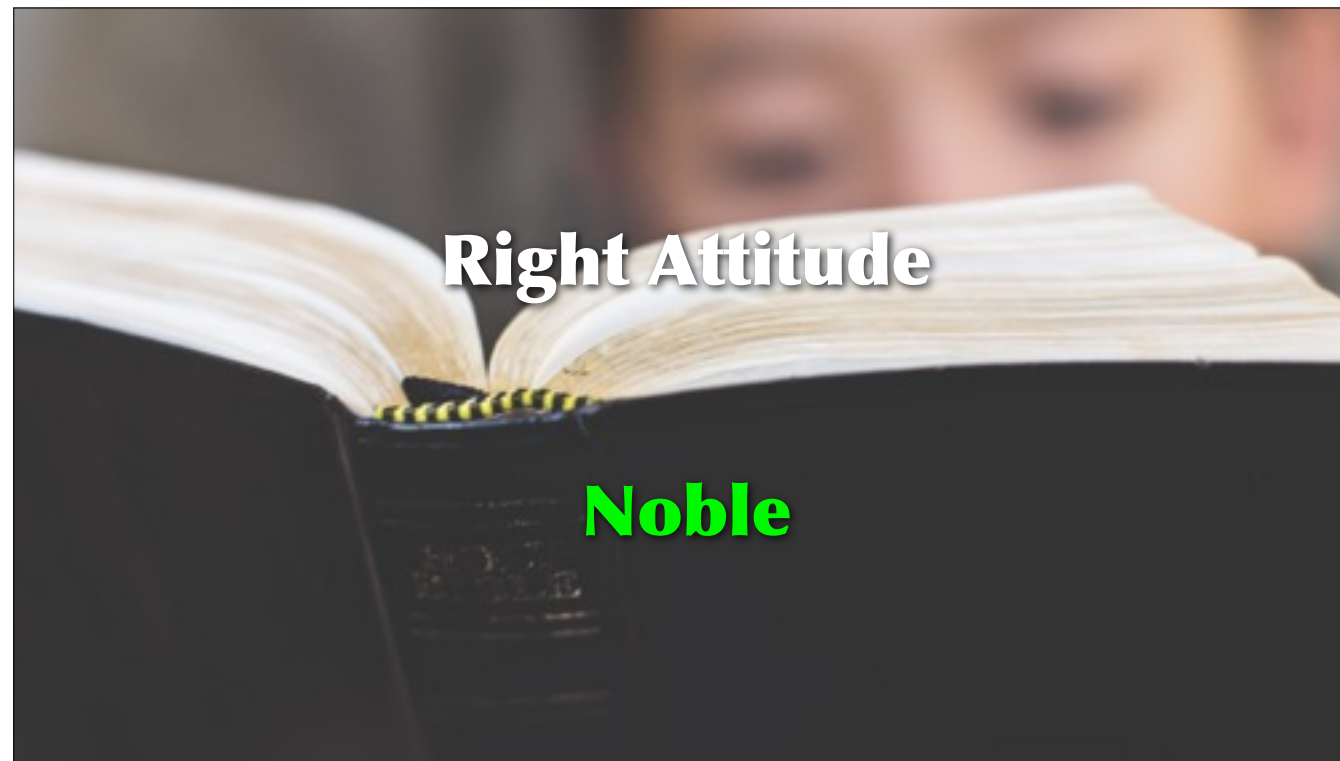
- Received
 - of the thing offered in speaking, teaching, instructing
 - to receive favorably; give ear to; embrace; approve; not reject



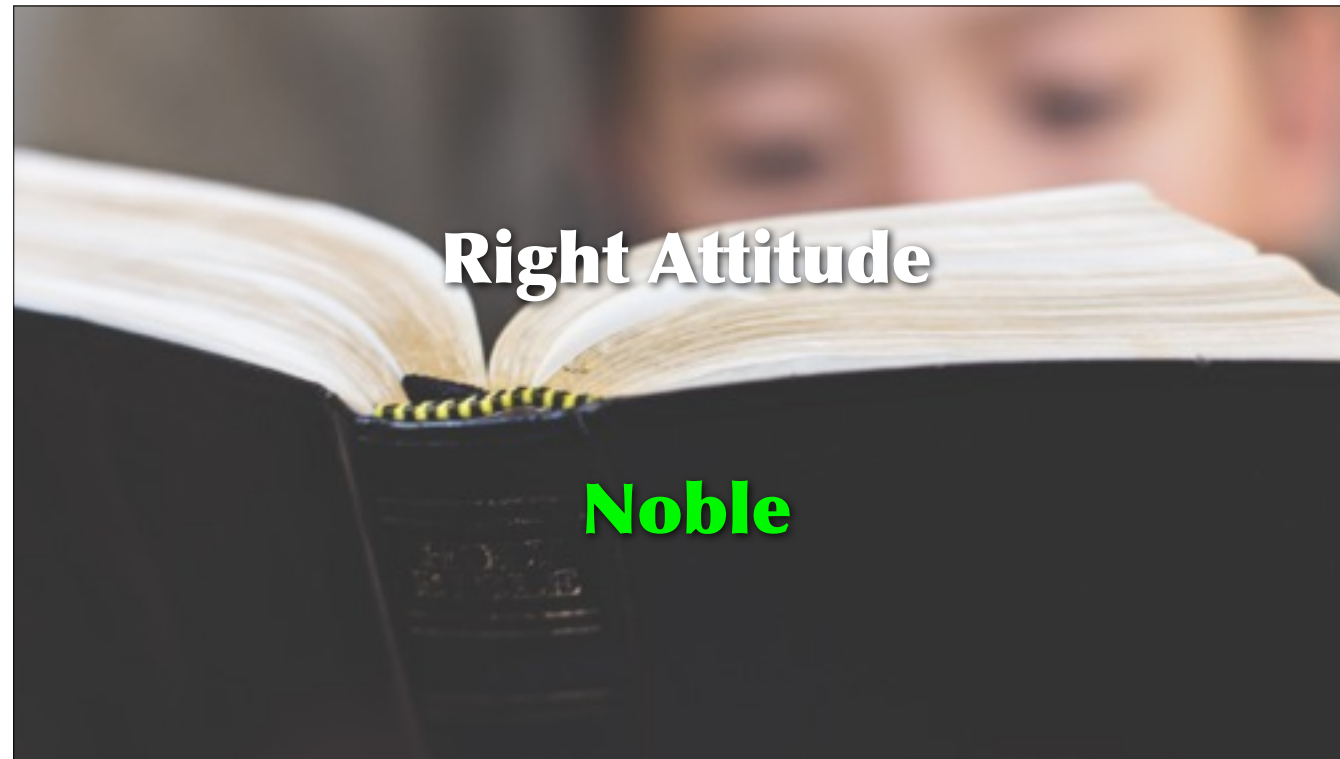
- Receiving in a noble way is difficult for many of us.
 - We are sure that we have and know the truth.



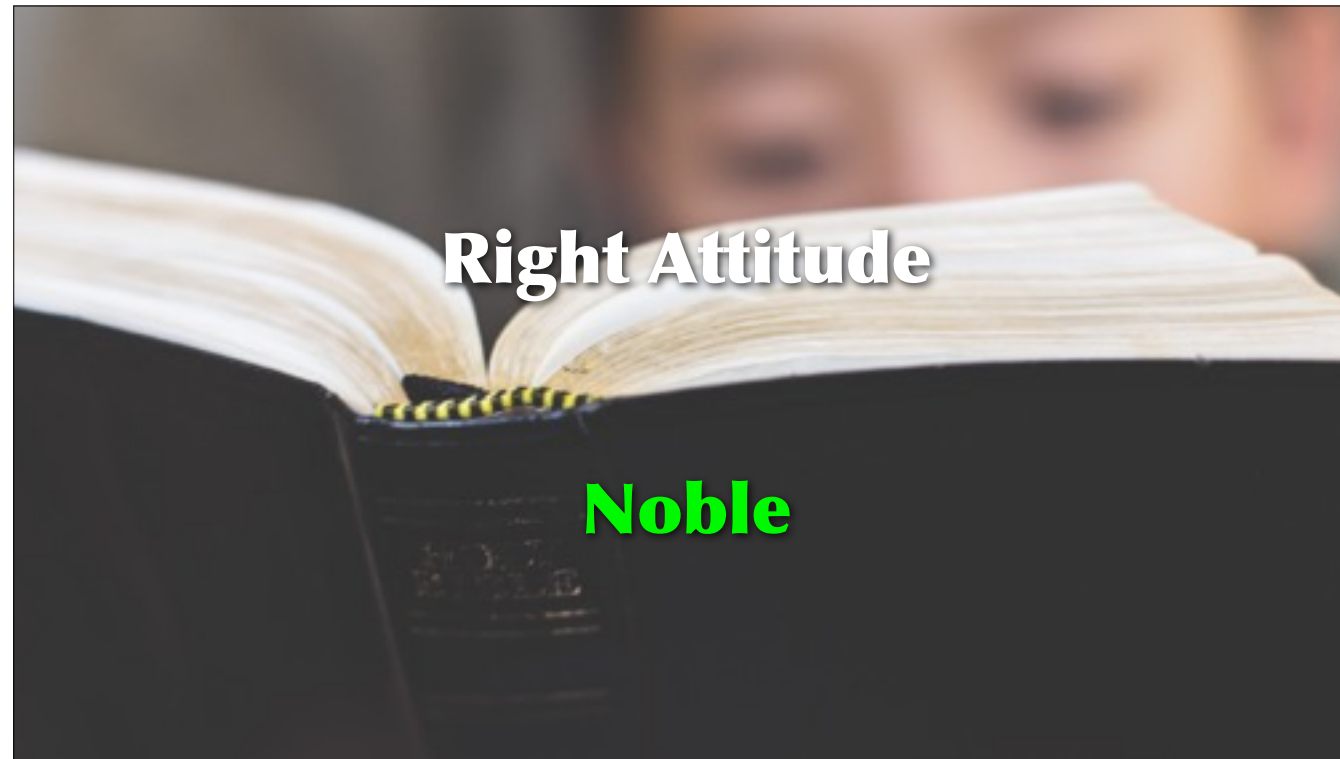
- What happens when we hear someone teaching something different than what we are accustomed to hearing?



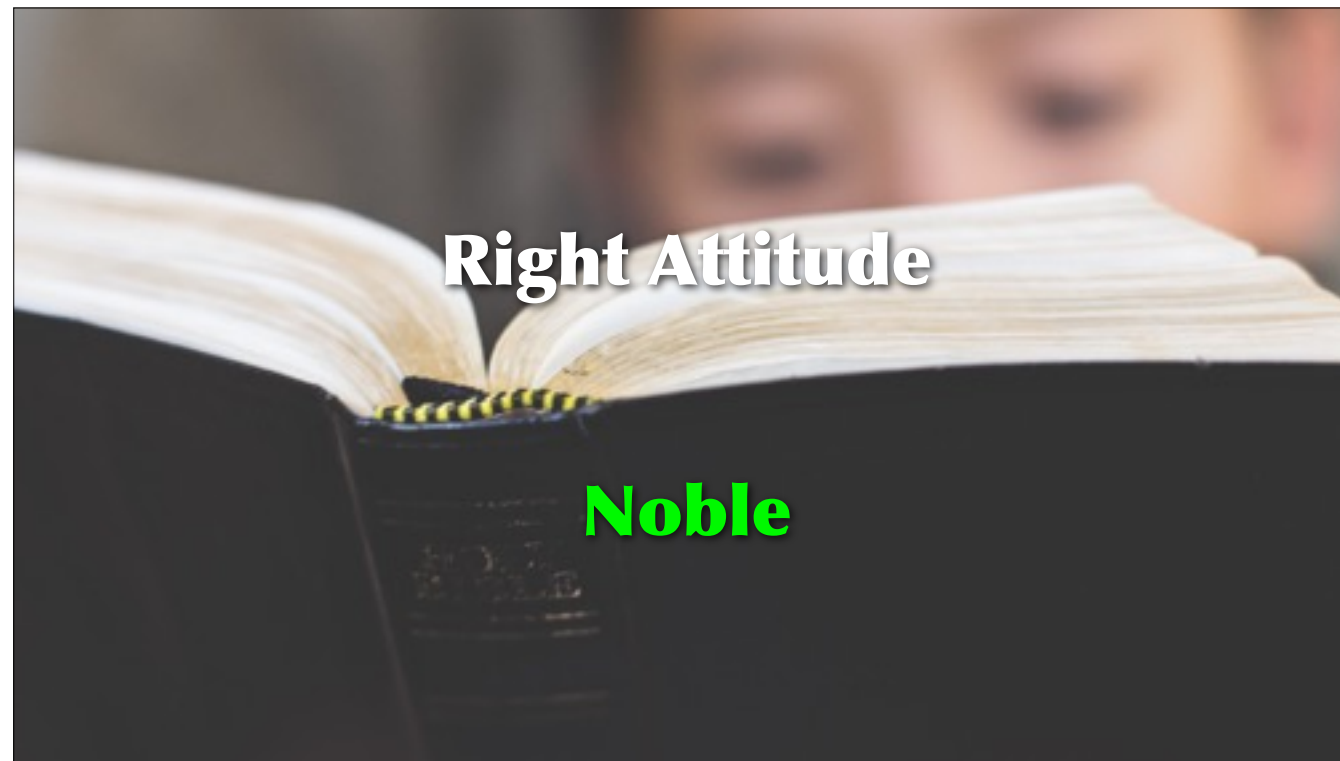
- If your first reaction is to emotionally lash out; reject without thought or consideration; to stop listening and start arguing
 - not noble.



- Receiving requires that we listen, check Scriptures
 - If right, accept
 - If wrong, teach (Priscilla and Aquila)



- Eagerness
 - zeal, spirit, eagerness
 - inclination, readiness of mind



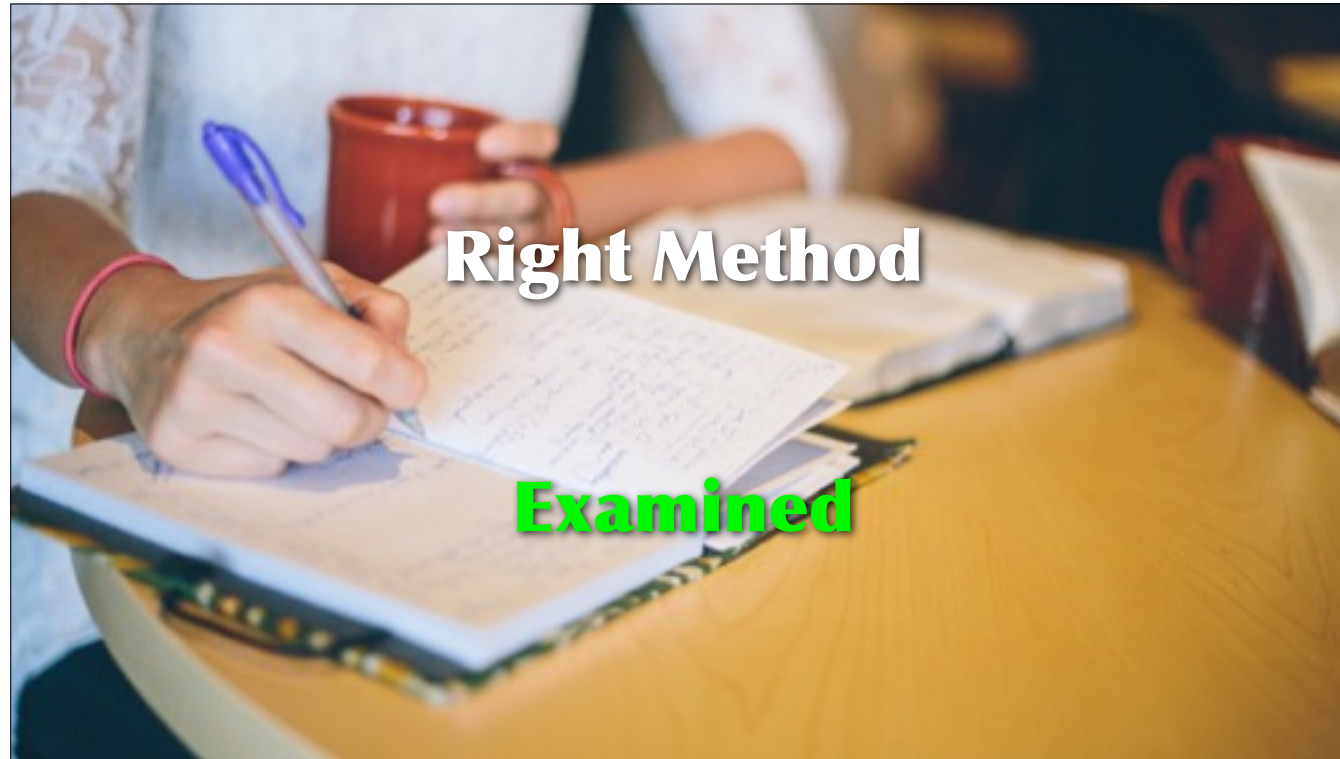
- How eager are you to study the Bible?
 - Personally: force yourself to do it? counting minutes?
 - Groups: join with others in homes?
 - Assemblies: classes?



- Right Method



- Examined
 - investigate, scrutinize, sift, question
 - determine the excellencies or defects



- Studying God's Word is not to be done lightly.
- Purposeful
- Prayerful (Before and After)
- Planned
- Pointed



- 2 Peter 3:16: as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are **some things in them that are hard to understand**, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.



- Sure would be nice if we always had easy answers to all hard questions.
- Time, effort, prayer
- Comparison, study, thought
- Value our understanding.



- Right Effort



- Daily
- Really love God's Word, it's something you need each day



- Matthew 4:4: But he answered, "It is written, "“ Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. ”"
- (Deuter. 8:3)



- Consistent study
- Judges 2:10: And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.



- Judges 21:25: In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.



- 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.



- Right Response



- Believed
 - Thessalonians: Jealousy



- Authorities: Fear
 - John 12:42: Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue
 - Peter: denied

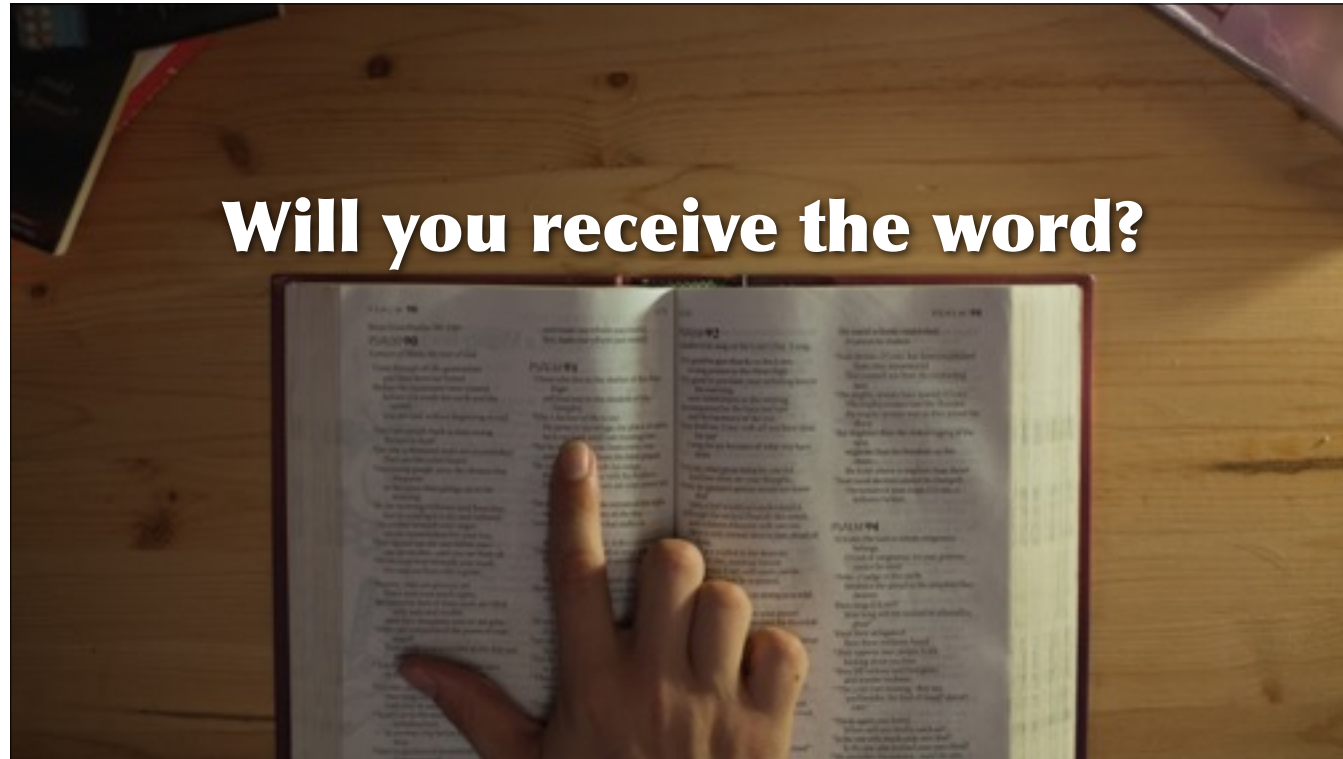


- John 1:12: But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,



- Intended to change your life!
- Will you let Him???
- Believe and obey.

Will you receive the word?



- Receive the word?
- Message of hope & life.
- Don't be trapped by traditions, opinions of man.
- Go to God's Word: Learn & be saved.
- Find comfort & strength for your life.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20



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