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2021 Annual Study

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Acts 17:11 (King James Version): “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

STRATEGIC JOINT HEIRS IN GOD'S KINGDOM: Several significant points from God for 2021:

1. The truth comes from God’s Scripture. It cannot be added to or subtracted from so that integrity of God’s Word is not defaced (Reference: Revelation 22:18-19). In Acts 17:11 (King James Version), God specifically identified the more noble ones to bring about maturity. When reading Acts 17:10-14, God specifically identified the Berea’s for clarity of God’s ownership, so the “These were more noble than those...” in Acts 17:11 is God’s identity of the Berea’s.
2. The Berea’s faith was strong and drew in both Jews and Gentiles. Strong faith crosses culture, socioeconomic status, time, space, ethnic linkage, and educational background in building community - a significant aspect of faith.
3. God brought the Berea’s into Scripture to set forth a community under the preaching and teaching that was authentically received and searched daily to make sure truth was contained therein – not contentiously but earnestly in humble strength.
4. The Berea’s brought their worship with all readiness of mind. Notice that community got authentically built in Acts 17:12 (King James Version) as the outcome, “Therefore many of them believed...”. Also, notice how God clearly brings women of strong faith into Acts 17:12 (King James Version) to emphasize the significance of building a strong community through maturing. Building an authentic community requires being recognized as possessing strong faith that contains the character traits discussed in points 1 to 4 – the ability to reach a wide and diverse audience is a significant community matter.