

MESSAGE NOTES

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“GROW IN THE WORD TO GO WITH THE WORD!”

What makes the Apostle Paul an intimidating role model for evangelists?

Describe where Acts 17 fits into Paul's Missionary journeys.

READ Acts 17:1-12

1 When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. *2* As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, *3* explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,” he said. *4* Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women.

5 But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. *6* But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, *7* and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.” *8* When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. *9* Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

10 As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. *11* Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. *12* Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

The Word Gives _____

What three points did Paul want to clearly communicate?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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When faced with a similar opportunity what are we tempted to do?

What enabled Paul to have a 3-day discussion on these truths?

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What will enable us to confidently speak on these truths?

How did the Holy Spirit bless Paul's work?

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How easy is it to be silenced by persecution?

The Word Gives _____

What obviously did the Bereans find as they checked out the Scripture against Paul's teaching?

**Always be prepared to give an answer!
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