



Power From on High

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Difference, Part 2

Lesson: 89

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Four virtues that make high-impact Christians:

1. Courage from conviction

Acts 17:1 Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

2. A thorough knowledge of God's Word

2 And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,
3 explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."

"reasoned"

"from the Scriptures"

"explaining"

"giving evidence"

“Jesus Christ” - Death & Resurrection

4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.

3. A willingness to suffer

5 But the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and attacking the house of Jason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people. 6 When they did not find them, they began dragging Jason and some brethren before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have upset the world have come here also;

“upset the world”

4. A dedication to the _____ of Christ

7 and Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.”

“decrees of Caesar”

The name Caesar can be confusing.

“another” [heteros]

8 They stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things. 9 And when they had received a pledge from Jason and the others, they released them.

10 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to **Berea**, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.

“Berea”

11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

“noble-minded” [eugenēs]

So what is true spiritual nobility?

Some evangelistic opportunities will require a lot of time and others will be _____ and easy.

“more noble” is described in two ways:

“great eagerness”

“examining”

It is our duty to examine every teacher to see if their preaching _____ with God’s Word.

12 Therefore many of them believed, along with a number of prominent Greek women and men.

“believed”

Content must be combined with the power of the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

“prominent”

13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica found out that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Berea also, they came there as well, agitating and stirring up the crowds.

14 Then immediately the brethren sent Paul out to go as far as the sea; and Silas and Timothy remained there. 15 Now those who escorted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they left.

Implications

1. They modeled the _____ every Christian should have for God's Word.

James 1:18 In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

19 This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

“quick to hear” -

“slow to speak” -

“slow to anger”

Discussion Guide

1. How does today's passage reveal the doctrine of inspiration? and the power and sufficiency of God's Word.
2. As a church, is EastPointe noble-minded? If so, how?
3. Walk back thorough the three commands in James 1:19 and share what they mean and why they are important.
4. Why is it important not to overreact to a teaching that is objectionable?
5. How did today's sermon impact your perceive of church service?

ANSWERS: Lordship, quick, aligns, enthusiasm