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Acts 2:41-47



EXAMINATION

“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.” - Acts 17:11

- *“noble-minded”*

- A mindset to “do well” or “act rightly” [STRONGS]

- *“eagerness”*

- An inclination, predisposition, readiness [STRONGS]

- *“examining”*

- To scrutinize, to investigate to determine [STRONGS]

Ready to investigate the word daily and determined to do right



ENCOURAGEMENT

“But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin..” - Heb. 3:13

- **Others-minded**
- **We** are the House that Christ built (Heb. 3:1-6)
 - If **we** hold fast
- **We** have become partakers of Christ (Heb. 3:12-14)
 - If **we** hold fast

We can't let one of **us** be deceived, hardened or disobedient (4:11)



DYING TO SELF

“I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.” - 1 Cor. 15:31

- Because I know that Christ has been raised from the dead (15:20)
 - That’s the gospel Paul preached (15:1-4)
- I know He was the first fruits from among the dead
 - All in Christ shall be made alive at His coming (15:21-23)
- That’s why I persevere in persecution (15:30)
- That’s why *“I die daily”*

Because we hope to live eternally, we must die daily



CROSSBEARING

*"And He was saying to them all, **"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."***

- Luke 9:23

Jesus: *"Deny yourself."*

Us: "I really should deny myself of _____."

GIVING UP STUFF IS NOT THE SAME AS GIVING UP SELF

- Our cross is not our common human suffering
- Our cross is where we crucify self, our commitment to die to self daily

Until we deny self and crucify self daily, we're not following Him



**EXAMINATION
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“Let me live close to Thee each day...”

