

# A NOBLE- MINDED CHURCH

ACTS 17:11

Characteristics  
of a New  
Testament  
Assembly

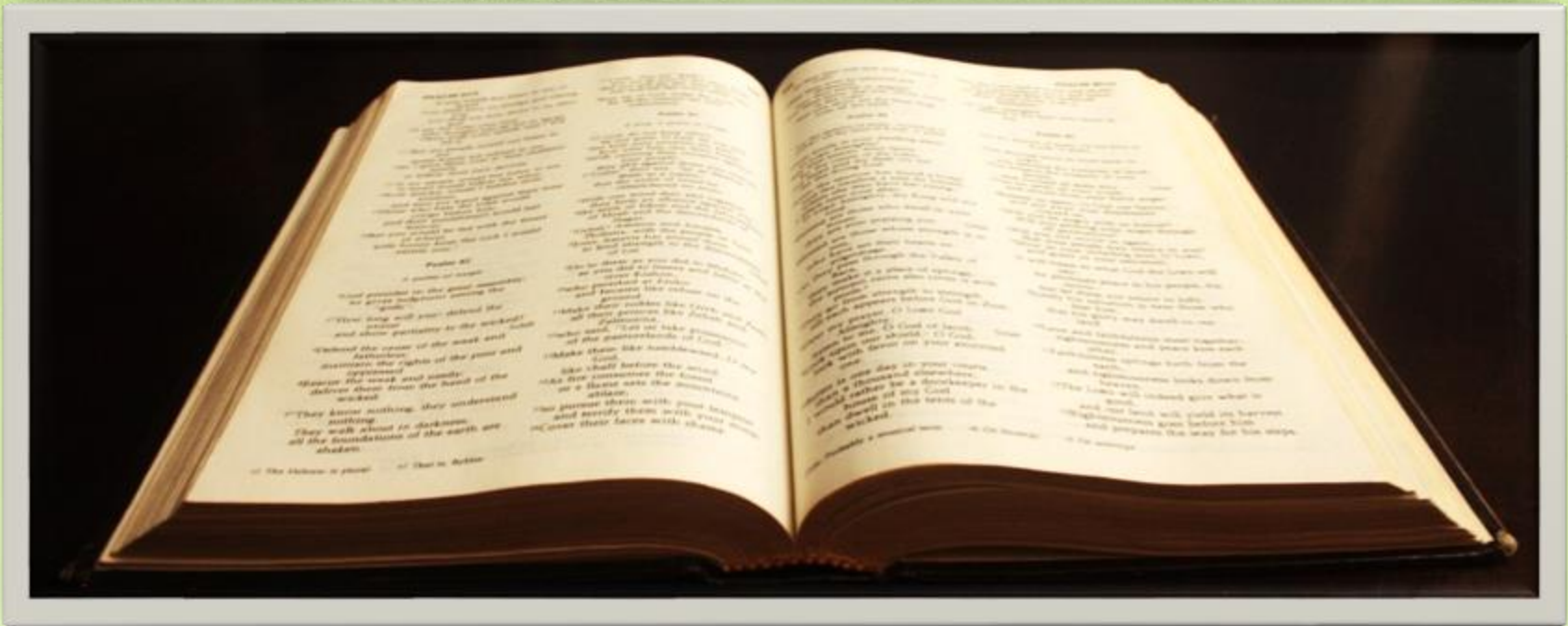
**Luke 19:12** So He said, “A **nobleman** went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return...

**Acts 17:11** 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.

**1Cor. 1:26** For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many **noble**;

# WHY IS THIS NECESSARY?

- This word is only used three times in the New Testament.
- It denotes honor, honorable traits, or something to be held in honor.
- The Bereans were honorable in their reception of the Word.
- They are a divinely approved example of what a local church must look like to please God and obey Him.



# WHAT MADE THEM NOBLE- MINDED?

(ACTS 17:11)

## 1. They had Open Bibles

- Accepting only Scripture (1 Pet. 4:11)
- Establishing God's will (1 Jn. 4:1)
- This takes active listening



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1. **They had Open Bibles**
2. **They had Open Minds**
  - Ready for whatever the Bible teaches (2 Cor. 11:8, 12, 19; 9:2)
  - With complete acceptance (Lk. 9:57f)
  - As long as it is scriptural (1 Jn. 4:6)



## WHAT MADE THEM NOBLE-MINDED?

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1. They had Open Bibles
2. They had Open Minds
3. They had Open Schedules
  - Scheduling for God (Deut. 6:6-9)
  - Devote time to Him (Eph. 5:15-19)
  - Clear time for Him (1 Cor. 7:32-35)

