



Church Polity in the Book of Acts

Acts 17 & 18

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WHAT MAKES FOR A NOBLE CHURCH?

Introduction:



I. CORPORATE NOBILITY - The Church at Berea (17:10-15)

A. What Conditions Led to the Berean Ministry?

1. The Conflict at Thessalonica (vs. 1-10)

2. The Contacts at Berea (vs. 11-15)

“they went into the synagogue” (vs. 10)

“prominent Greek women and men” (vs. 12)

“Sopater of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus” (20:4)
- AKA: Sosipater (Romans 16:21)

B. What Constitutes the Berean Nobility? (vs. 11)

1. Receptivity (“they received the word”)

2. Response (“with great eagerness”)

3. Research (“examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so”)

II. INDIVIDUAL NOBILITY - Apollos (18:24-28)

A. Preach More (vs. 24-25)

“an Alexandrian by birth”

“came to Ephesus”

“eloquent...mighty in the Scriptures”

“instructed in the way of the Lord”

“fervent in spirit”

B. Teach More (vs. 26)

“speaking and teaching accurately”

Priscilla and Aquila “took him aside”

“explained to him the way of God more accurately”

C. Reach More (vs. 27-28)

“he wanted to go across to Achaia”

“he greatly helped those who had believed through grace”

“he powerfully refuted the Jews in public”

“demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ”

Conclusion: What are the benefits of expositional listening?

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