**The Disciple’s Secret of Resilience!**

*Act 17:3 “Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ*

*History of the Church was to reach the world! The Disciples took Jesus command literal not figuratively. The Need was great! The Macedonia Call.*

1. **First be determined to go! - Acts 17:1 “when they had passed through”**

**The Lord Jesus commands us to go!** - Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

* We only have one Commander and Chief! King Jesus
* The Christian’s job is to bring honor to Jesus!
* When we go then we grow!
* **G.R.O.W**. “ God Rewards Our Work”
* **What is Hard Work?**
* Starts with an **Attitude** to work.
* Second it is an **Alignment** to work.
* Third it is an **Attention** to work.
* The Christian’s jobs is more important than all other jobs!
* We honor Jesus above all other things and we obey His Word!

1. **Second be determined to Read!** - Act 17:11 “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that **they received** the word with all readiness of mind, **and searched** the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

History of Berea. The Christian had to compact idol worship and humanism. The culture was full of lawlessness. Danger was on every side.

**The Christian is Steadfast to read!**

* 2 Timothy 2:15 “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed.
* What is Studying? “The devotion of time and attention to acquiring knowledge on a subject, especially by means of books.
* **Fanny Crosby** – Memorized chapters a week from age 10. With the encouragement of her grandmother and later Mrs. Hawley; by age 15, she had memorized the four gospels, the Pentateuch, the Book of Proverbs, the Song of Solomon, and many of the Psalms.
* We should read God’s Word just as much as one will read the newspaper or lottery numbers.
* **Readers are leaders!**
* Quitters don’t see and believe God’s Goodness in their lives.
* Definition of a Quitter “ A person who gives up easily or does not have the courage or determination to finish a task.
* Quote Someone said “God has given us a gift, The Bible, and you can open it again and again.”
* **Plan to read a verse a day for 30 days**
* Then plan to read 5 verse a day for 30 days.
* Then plan to read a chapter a day for 30 days
* Then you will be planning to read the bible in one year.
* 1760 pages in the Bible. Average 4.5 pages a day to read the bible. 10 minutes a day in average speed reading.
* **A Survey – The average time working per day decline 17 mins in 2019-2020.**
* Leisure Activities increased per day in May to December 2019-2020. 5hrs to 5.5 hrs. per day.
* The Christian Cleaves to God’s Word because they are Life! Psalms 119:25 “My soul cleaves unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

**Preparation is Key!**

**What is Preparation?** Preparation is a Belief in principle whereby people get ready for a final product or for a successful experience.

* Have Belief – Have Faith – Want Growth – Obey Commands – Be Determined -
* The Berean’s believed the God of Moses and His power and Authority.
* The Berean’s Applied the Truths in God’s Word!
* They knew the “Truths” about Jonah and Fishing Experience!
* Quote “The best Preparation for tomorrow **is doing your best today**!”

1. **The Christian stick out!** - Act 17:11 “**These were more noble** than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

**Sticking out above the culture! -** John 13:35 “ By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

1. Love isn’t tolerance to sin, but giving people hope to overcome their sins.
2. Love is looking to Jesus together and seeking God’s Truths and Promises!
3. Love is working hard to do the right things!
4. Love is Honoring Christ in your Behavior and Life Style!

Don’t seek to be like the culture! The Culture doesn’t seek to honor the Lord! The Culture is our mission field to show people Jesus! Stay Humbled!