

The Noble, the Ignoble, and the Gospel

Acts 17:10-15

This morning, let me tell you a story of the noble, the ignoble, and the gospel. This story is found in Acts 17:10-15. It is a story that has been repeated, though with different characters, time and time again throughout history. As faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ, we must be prepared to meet both noble and ignoble audiences.

1. When we share the gospel, we will meet people like the Bereans. They were noble in that they received the gospel with a ready mind and examined the Scriptures to confirm the truthfulness of what they had heard. Many of these noble people were saved. (vv. 10-12)

2. When we share the gospel, we will meet people like the Thessalonians. They were ignoble in that they rejected the gospel with a closed mind, and then stirred up trouble to hinder others from accepting it. These ignoble people were staunch opponents of the truth. (vv. 13-15)