

A close-up, over-the-shoulder view of a person with long dark hair, wearing a brown long-sleeved top, reading an open Bible. The Bible is held with both hands, and the pages are filled with text. The word 'Proverbs' is visible on the left page. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text 'THEY SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY' in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden surface.

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SEARCHING FOR TRUTH:

SEARCHING FOR IDENTITY:

SEARCHING FOR DESTINY:

We frequently use the phrase, 'Read the Bible'.

Encouragement to read our Bibles can only be good advice, but there is the risk that if we only consider this as simply a basic discipline that will make us more knowledgeable, we may not be served as well as we might. When the apostle Paul preached the Good News of Salvation at the synagogue in the Greek town of Berea, we read in Acts 17:11-12,

*'And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, **and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth.** As a result, many Jews believed, as did many of the prominent Greek men and women'.*

My great hope is that we will discover an eagerness and an excitement, that leads to us learning to diligently search the scriptures for truth. Those in Berea who believed in Jesus found a new identity and a new destiny. They became children of God and citizens of heaven.

There is a huge difference between reading the Bible and searching the Bible for its many treasures.

A treasure hunt requires a map:

What follows is simply that. I refer to it as a Bird's eye View of the Bible. I have a more complicated map available if you want one. This though is a great starter. Enjoy.