

① Superfluous = abounding or abundant wickedness

Implanted = ~~It is~~ This word marks a characteristic of the word of Truth (v. 18). It is implanted; divinely given, in ~~contrast~~ contrast w/ something acquired by study. (Vincent)

② There is a distinction between lambano & dechomai, in that in many instances lambano suggests a self-prompted taking, whereas dechomai more frequently indicates a welcoming or an appropriating reception. (Vine)

③ together w/ the pelthuniss there must be also be laid aside any "hang-over" of previous pagan habits.

The word had the sense of "remainder". Every converted Xian brings w/ him into his new life much that is inconsistent w/ it. This has to be laid aside, that he may give himself more ~~positively~~ completely to the positive work of receiving w/ meekness the engrafted word.

(Fyndale)

④ to receive the word in its fullest sense is to so open the inner self to the influence of God's word that its truth is transfused into the heart.

(5) meekness - a readiness to learn, to accept correction, to submit one's life uncomplainingly to the total of D. (Mittm)

it is a spirit which enables a man to learn from others & to accept w/ glad contentment whatever the pursuit of D's will brings to him.

(6) felthiness = wax in the ear

meekness = a teachable spirit (Barclay)

it is so self-controlled that it can willingly & faithfully accept the discipline of learning.

it is the perfect conquest & control of everything in a man's nature which would be a hindrance to his seeing, learning & obeying the truth.

(Barclay)

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γίνεσθε - 2 pers. pl. pres. imper. of γίνομαι
Become

ποιηταὶ of ποιητής = a maker, a poet, a
doer, a carrier out.

Παραλογίζομενοι - pres. part. - to misreckon,
make a false reckoning, decline, delude.

① True hearing & receiving must result in obedience

Be = "show yourselves to be..." 1 Cor 11 - The
man who responds to the demands of the Word only now
& then, who acts by impulses & at intervals, is not a
real doer.

To be a doer is to submit to its authority & to
comply w/ its requirements

a warning against making hearing an end in
itself

Presume = to make a false & erroneous estimate
(Vaughan)

② The word hearers was ~~not~~ used especially of those
who were regular in listening to lectures but who
never became real disciples

(Fyrdale)