INTRODUCTION
1. The New Testament set forth many attitudes that have been engendered in the hearts of men toward the gospel.
2. Please keep in mind that the Apostles were chosen by the Lord.
3. When they preached, they were guided by the Holy Spirit -- Matt. 10: 19 - 20; I Cor. 2: 9 - 13; John 16:13.
4. Yet, in spite of that, there were certain attitudes developed in the hearts of men that were wrong.
5. If these attitudes developed then, it is certain they will now.

   1. They heard the Word with "readiness of mind" -- Acts 17:11.
      (1) They listened attentively to the message.
   2. They then investigated what was said, trying it by the Scriptures.
   3. This is a noble attitude; the Bible teaches that ALL should have this attitude -- I John 4:1; Matt. 7: 15 - 20; 2 John 9 - 11; I Thess. 5:21.
   4. You can convert people when they have this attitude -- Matt. 13:15.

II. THE ATTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE WHO LISTENED TO STEPHEN’S SERMON -- Acts 7: 54 - 60
   1. They became angry and stoned him.
   2. The truth will make people angry many times -- Gal. 4:16.
   3. The truth will offend people -- Matt. 15:12; John 6: 60 - 68.
   4. Many today, when they hear the truth, get angry and become offended.
      (1) Many get angry when the sinfulness of denominationalism is exposed.
   5. Members of the church get angry when they hear the truth:
      (2) On modest dress -- I Tim. 2: 9 - 10.
      (3) The modern dance -- Gal. 5: 19.
      (4) Forsaking the assembly -- Heb. 10:25.
      (5) The mission of the church.

III. TWO ATTITUDES TO PAUL’S SERMON PREACHED ON MARS HILL -- Acts 17: 32.
   1. Some mocked -- to treat with scorn or contempt; ridicule.
   2. Others said, "We will hear thee again of this matter".

   1. They were filled with envy and spoke against what they heard.
      (1) Many do the same today.
   2. They put the word from them.
   3. They judged themselves unworthy of everlasting life.
V. THE ATTITUDE OF FELIX -- Acts 24: 24 - 25
   1. He trembled and procrastinated.
   2. Many are like Felix today.

   1. He was almost persuaded to be a Christian.
   2. Many today hear and are almost persuaded.

VII. THE PEOPLE ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST -- Acts 2: 36 - 41
   1. They wanted to know what to do, and they did it.
   2. Many have the same attitude today.

    1. He heard and believed the gospel, and asked to be baptized.
    2. Many do the same thing today.

IX. THE ATTITUDE OF CORNELIUS -- Acts 10: 33
   1. He wanted to hear all things commanded of God.
   2. He wanted his kinsmen and near friends to hear the same -- Acts 10:24.

CONCLUSION
1. What kind of attitude do you have toward the gospel?
2. If you have had a bad attitude, will you not change it before it is too late?

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