

## INTRODUCTION

**A. POINT: HOW EVANGELIZE PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE BIBLE**

**B. FOCUS: AN APPROVED EXAMPLE** (Acts 17:16-34; see 14:14-18; 1Cor.9:21,22; 19f)

### I. THE WORKS: WHAT TO DO (Acts 17:16-21)

**A. GET BUSY WHILE YOU WAIT** (16a; see 1Th.1:9,10; 3:11; 2Th.3:6f; see Mt.25:14f; 1Tm.6:17f)

**B. LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES** (16b,22; see Mt.7:7f; Col.4:3)

**C. LET EVIL STIR YOU UP TO DO GOOD** (16f,22f; see Eph.4:26,29f; Rom.12:9b,21)

**D. GO WHERE PEOPLE GATHER AND SPEAK TRUTH TO THEM** (16; and *do good* to them, 14:8f)

1. *social situations: seek meaningful conversation* (21; e.g., events, parks, retirement/nursing, hospitals, jails, etc.)

2. *engage in conversation with all kinds of church people* (17a; see 1f,10f,etc.; Eph.4:14f)

3. *engage in conversation with all kinds of non-church people* (17b,18; see 9:15; c.24-28!; Jn.4:1f)

4. *focus on the Gospel* (18; see 3,31; Mt.28:18-20)

5. *forbear insults* (18; 1Cor.1:22-24; see Acts 22:3; Phil.3:4f; see 2Cor.12:10; 1Pt.3:9; also Lk.15:2)

6. *seize the opportunities that seize you* (19; see Prov.22:9; Dan.1:8-12 & c.2-6; 1Cor.9:19f)

### II. THE WORDS: WHAT TO SAY (Acts 17:22-34)

**A. STUDY PUBLIC SPEAKING** (22 & 33; see 21:40f; 23:1f; 24:10f; 26:1f; see Mk.13:11 w/2Tm.3:16,17)

**B. USE AN OUTLINE** (22f; see c.7; Paul's speeches and letters)

**C. FIND SOMETHING THEY WANT THAT THE GOSPEL GIVES** (22f; see 8:30f; see Eph.5:4321)

1. *bring it to their attention and promise an answer* (22,23; see Jn.4:7f,16f)

2. *start w/basics of gen. revelation* (see Rom.1:18f; Ps.19:1f /willful blindness, Mt13:15; Rm1:18f; 2Cor.4:4)

a. *the doctrine of God: Creator & Provider, therefore Sovereign; Judge* (24-26,31; 14:15,17; see Ps.33:6; 96:5; 100:3; 104:24f; 121:2; 124:8; 134:3; 136:5; 146:6)

b. *the doctrine of man: unity / image (vs. idols) / relationship* (26, Gen.c.1,5,10f / 28,29; Gen.1:26; Col.1:15 / 27-29; 1Th.1:9,10)

c. *note: Jewish apologetic; Paul assumed in synagogues* (see Is.44:9f; Dan.5:4,23; Habb.2:19)

**D. FIND SOMETHING THEY ALREADY BELIEVE THAT CONNECTS** (28,29; see 2f; 18:28; Lk.24:27,32,45)

**E. PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE AND CALL TO REPENTANCE** (30; 14:16; 1Pt.4:3; Rom.2:4; Eph.2:11f; 3:1f; 1Th.1:9f; see Ex.34:6; Ps.86:15; 103:8; 145:8)

**F. PRESENT THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST** (31,32; see Col.1:15f; Eph.2:1f)

**G. FORBEAR BAD INSULTS** (32a; see Lk.6:26; 1Pt.4:12)

**H. EXPECT GOOD RESULTS** (32b(see 11); 34 (see 4,12); see 1Cor.1:26)

### III. CONCLUDING EXHORTATIONS

**A. GO INTO THE WORLD IN ORDER TO BRING PEOPLE INTO THE CHURCH**

(17f,34; Mt.28:18-20; Jn.1:41f; 45f)

**B. PAUL AS AN INDIVIDUAL; WE AS A CHURCH** (17a&b; 22:3; Phil.3:4f; see Rom.12:3f; 1Cor.12:4f; Eph.4:10f; see 1Cor.9:21,2; 19f)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)