

“Worldview Lessons from the Apostle Paul”

Acts 17:16-34

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Introduction

- A. The apostle Paul: fascinating and amazing; yet not dazzling.
- B. Paul profoundly presents the power of living a “Christian worldview”—a way of life that perceives and engages everything with a love for God and a framework of basic beliefs and values that are informed and influenced by God’s revelation for humanity.
- C. What “worldview lessons” can we discover from the apostle Paul?

I. Paul’s Movement to Athens (Acts 16-17)

- A. Paul was on the **MOVE** _____.
- B. Paul was “missionary **INTENTIONAL** _____.”

II. Paul’s Milieu within Athens (Acts 17:16-18)

- A. Athens: Religious and Philosophical
- B. Paul was **PROVOKED** _____.
- C. Paul was **PERSUADED** _____.

III. Paul’s Message for Athens (Acts 17:22-31)

- A. Epicureans
- B. Stoics
- C. Paul **ENGAGED** _____ the worldviews around him.

IV. Paul’s Methods in Athens

- A. Paul **CONTEMPLATED** _____ his surroundings (17:16,22-23).
- B. Paul **COMMENDED** _____ their worldview (17:22-23).
- C. Paul **CONTENDED** _____ for his worldview (17:17,23).
- D. Paul tapped their **CURIOSITY** _____ (17:19-21).
- E. Paul traveled to their **TURF** _____ (17:17,19).
- F. Paul trained in their way of **THINKING** _____ (17:24-28).

CONCLUSION:

- A. Profoundly **CONVINCED** _____ by it.
- B. Persistently **APPLIED** _____ it.
- C. Passionately **SHARED** _____ it.