

"It is not the possession of extraordinary gifts that makes extraordinary usefulness, but the dedication of what we have to the service of God."

—F.W. ROBERTSON

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Acts 17:1-3, 6, 16

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I. Individual

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II. INTENTIONAL

A. Conversation

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"Paul's reaction to the city's idolatry was not negative only but also positive and constructive. He did not merely throw up his hands in despair, or weep helplessly, or curse and swear at the Athenians. No, he shared with them the good news of Jesus. He sought by proclamation of the gospel to prevail on them to turn from their idols to the living God and so to give to him and to his Son the glory due their name. The stirrings of his spirit with righteous indignation opened his mouth in testimony." —JOHN STOTT

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II. INTENTIONAL

B. Contextualization

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II. INTENTIONAL: CONTEXTUALIZATION

1. Attitude

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2. Approach

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3. Address

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...but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord
as holy, always being prepared to make a
defense to anyone who asks you for a
reason for the hope that is in you...

—1 PETER 3:15

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He is the Creator.
He has shaped your conscience.
He has revealed Himself in Christ.

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II. INTENTIONAL: CONTEXTUALIZATION

4. Acceptance

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Successful witness: "Sharing Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God."

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C. Clarification

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³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,
³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.
 —ACTS 17:30-31

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TWO WORDS OF OFFENSE:

Repent

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TWO WORDS OF OFFENSE:

Resurrection

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III. Influential

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³³So Paul went out from their midst.
³⁴But some men joined him and believed,
 among whom also were Dionysius the
 Areopagite and a woman named Damaris
 and others with them. —ACTS 17:33-34

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Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.
 Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
 Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
 Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
 Exalted for thee or brought low by thee.
 Let me be full, let me be empty.
 Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

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I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure
 and disposal.
 And now, O glorious and blessed God,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
 And the covenant which I have made on earth,
 Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

—JOHN WESLEY

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