



Heart & Soul: Outward

Acts 17:16-34

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Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: We will have an outward focus on others when our hearts are aligned to God's will.

Paul sees a problem: Vs. 16

his spirit was provoked: It was stirred, infuriated.

Paul takes Action: Vs. 17-21

Therefore he reasoned: Paul engages them in dialog. From the marketplace to the synagogue.

Vs. 18-21

We want to know: They wanted to know. People are naturally curious.

Paul shares the Good News: Vs. 22-32

To the unknown God: Paul recognized that they all gave worship to many things. Even to an unknown God.

Vs. 24-29 Four things that Paul brings to light.

Vs. 24

Who made the world and everything in it: God is the creator.

Paul proclaims that God is the creator of all things.

1. God is the creator.

Vs. 25

He gives to all life: God is the provider.

2. God is the provider.

Vs. 26-27

Has determined their pre-appointed times and boundaries: God is our ruler.

3. God is our ruler.

Vs. 28-29

For in Him we live and move and have our being: He is the sustainer of life.

4. God is our sustainer.

Vs. 30-32

Paul presented the Gospel. Some mocked others wanted to hear more.

Vs. 33-34

The Holy Spirit worked on hearts.

No matter where you are in your walk with the Lord you can start doing something now.

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Discuss

Dig Deeper



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Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



DISCUSS.

1. What idols do you think persist in our culture?
2. Do you think these idols appear in the lives of Christians?
3. What (if anything) can we do about it?
4. In order to have an outward focus you have to observe the world around you and listen to the Holy Spirit. How difficult or easy is it for you to do this?

DO.



1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?

