

How We Will Win More

Strategies For Reaching the Next Spiritual Generation

Acts 17:16-34

- I. **Develop a passion for people far from God (v. 16).**
 - A. Paul's passion developed during a time of waiting (v. 16a).
 - B. Paul's passion grew when he observed the spiritual condition of the Athenians (v. 16b).
 - C. Paul's passion ignited because he was intentional to use his time to pay attention to the spiritual condition of the Athenians (v. 16).
 - D. To ignite a passion within you, utilize every opportunity to observe the spiritual condition of the people you want to reach (Matt. 23:37).

- II. **Commit to regularly engage the culture (vv. 17-31).**
 - A. Apostle Paul's passion for the Athenians caused him to engage with the Athenians (vv. 17-31).
 1. Paul engaged in the social market (v. 17a).
 2. Paul engaged with seekers (v. 17b, 21).
 3. The Apostle Paul's engagement with the culture gave him the opportunity to share the Gospel message (vv. 18-20, 22-31).
 - B. Passion for people far from God caused the Apostle Paul to engage in the social market with seekers and gave him the opportunity to share the Gospel (vv. 17-31).
 - C. Start a conversation— Conversations come before conversion (Matt. 9:9-13).
 1. Connect with people on social media, coffee houses, campuses, community events, marketplaces and everywhere you go.
 2. Pray for opportunities and reach out when you see them.
 3. Let the conversation lead you to the opportunity to share the Gospel.

- III. **Leave the results up to God (vv. 32-34).**
 - A. The Athenians responded to the Gospel with rejection (Red light) (v. 32a), indifference (Yellow light) (v. 32b) and acceptance (Green light!) (v.34).
 - B. Paul responded to the outcome of his ministry with liberty (v. 33).
 - C. Be free after you share the Gospel (Matt. 13:24-30).
 1. Free to let people respond how they wish.
 2. Free to leave it in God's hands.
 3. Free to continue to love and share the Gospel.