

BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME

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Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said:
“Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.
For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of
worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN
UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something
unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

ACTS 17:16-28

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God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

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But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

I CORINTHIANS 12:18

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

EPHESIANS 4:15-16

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

HEBREWS 10:24-25

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

PROVERBS 27:17



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