

Context

“Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.”

– Acts 17:16

How?

“So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him.”

-Acts 17:17-18

Invitation

“May we know what this new teaching is that you are bringing?”

– Acts 17:19

Perceptive *Communication*

“So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: ‘Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious...’

– Acts 17:22

Plain Communication

- **Creator**
 - “The God who made the world...” – vs 24
- **Ruler**
 - “...being Lord of heaven and earth” – vs 24
- **Giver**
 - “He himself gives to all men life...” – vs 25
- **In Control**
 - “made every nation...determining...” – vs 26
- **Purposeful**
 - “...that they should seek God” – vs 27
- **Near**
 - “He is actually not far...” – vs 27

Piercing Communication

“Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.”

– Acts 17:29

“The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.”

– Acts 17:30

Pointed Communication

“Because 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 17:31

Persuasive *Communication*

“he is actually not far from each one of us, for

‘In him we live and move and have our being’;

As even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”

Being then God’s offspring...” – Acts 17:28

Pleasant *Communication*

“Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.”

– Acts 17:32

Productive *Communication*

God’s Part

“So Paul went out from their midst. But some men joined him and believed.”

– Acts 17:33-34