



Speaking Effectively For Christ

Acts 17:1-34

Series: Acts, #20

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The message.

1. The source: God's Word. (2-3, 10-11)
2. The theme: Jesus Christ. (3, 18, 30-31)

The motive.

1. Provoked by empty, deceptive religion. (16-17)
2. Provoked by empty, deceived people. 16-17)

The method.

1. Where to begin. (1-2, 10, 22-28)
2. How to proceed. (2-4, 17)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. As you reflect on Paul as an effective communicator of God's truth ask your self a few questions. "Am I really concerned about being effective in telling others about God and His truth?" If not, "Why not?" If yes, "Do I act on this concern regularly, consistently?"

Tuesday. The touchstone or base for effective communication of the gospel is the Bible, with Jesus Christ being the theme. Are you regularly reading and studying the Bible so you have something to share? Can you summarize the gospel from and with Scripture?

Wednesday. When Paul was in Athens he was motivated by all of the empty deceptive religion and the empty, deceived people (16-17). Do you see our society and the people in the community and at work as Paul did? If not, why not? What are you going to do to increase your heart response for our lost society and people?

Thursday. Review any notes you made on Sunday on the methods Paul used. Pay attention to four key terms: he *reasoned* (2, 17), *explained* (3), *gave evidence* (3), and *persuaded* (4). Think of how you can work these changeless models into how you witness.

Friday – Saturday. Sunday is Palm Sunday. We plan to be looking at *Welcoming the King* from Luke chapter 19. Read and think through this section in preparation for our time together.