

Lessons & Observations from Acts 17

1. Christians should turn their community and the world “upside down” with the gospel of Christ.
2. Some brethren become scapegoats for the cause of Christ.
3. Christians should search the Scriptures every day. Daily Bible reading and study can do much for the Christian. **2 Timothy 2:15** – “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
4. Don’t merely take someone’s word in a religious matter. Investigate what the Bible says.
5. Be prepared for the Lord to use you in His work.
6. Trouble makers don’t stay put. “Have trouble, will travel.”
7. Men highly educated in many spheres may be ignorant in spiritual knowledge.
8. All men are known to “THE UNKNOWN GOD,” but “THE UNKNOWN GOD” is not known to all men.
9. The God of Heaven is not to be found among the graven images of men.
10. The majority is not always right. The minority is not always wrong. Right is not determined by numbers.
11. God and one make a majority in any situation involving truth.
12. A city of beauty can still be a city that it lost.
13. Education is good in its own right, but a knowledge of God’s Word is essential to salvation.
 - a. **Hebrews 11:6** – “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
 - b. **Romans 10:17** – “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
 - c. **John 8:32** – “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
14. Dr. William Lyon Phelps: “I thoroughly believe in a university education; but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college education is more valuable than a college course without the Bible.” It is possible to have both.

15. Not all who hear the truth will obey it.
16. Christians should teach all who will listen to them.
17. Many are more concerned with the kings of this world than the King of all the universe.
18. A Christian's spirit should still be stirred within him when he sees the evils of this present world.
19. The world may call him a babbling fool . . . God calls him a preacher.
20. God still does not dwell in temples made with hands.
21. God is much closer than we may realize.
22. God still commands "all men everywhere to repent." **Acts 17:30**
23. God has never cancelled the appointed day. God's appointed day is still on the calendar of the universe. **Acts 17:31**
24. In a day when some will mock, others will hear.
25. What some will mock, others will believe and obey.
26. Every community needs a "Mars Hill" and a Paul.
27. Christian should not stand idle when it comes to the idols of the world. Rebuke them!
28. Great places of secular learning may be places of spiritual ignorance.
29. It is good to have knowledge that the Word is being preached in other places.
30. Blessed assurance Jesus is raised.
And if we tell the world, it will be amazed.
31. Each Christian is a messenger of the gospel wherever he goes.
32. Men reject Christ because of what it will cost them.
33. For Christians, may the fervor of Paul be the fervor of all.
34. Materialism always leaves the human heart empty.
35. The heart of the honest materialist is a prime audience for the gospel.
36. Like Paul, we need to proclaim our God as: **Acts 17:23-31**
 - a. The God that knows and can be known.
 - b. The God that is to be worshipped according to truth.
 - c. That God that created.
 - d. The God that dwells in human lives and not in buildings.
 - e. The God that gives life.
 - f. The God of all men of all nations of all time.
 - g. The God that calls men to repentance.
 - h. The God that has appointed a day in which the world will be judged in righteousness by the resurrected Christ. **John 5:22** – "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

37. Men often worship what they have made with their hands and minds.
38. The gospel has the power to reach all . . . but will all reach it?
39. Where paganism abounds, ungodly philosophies abound.
40. Paganism allows the worst of philosophies to exist while turning a deaf ear to truth.
41. In teaching others, we should begin where they are and bring them forward to what Christ would have them to become.
42. Jealousy, rather than doctrinal purity, can sometimes cause dissension between brethren.
43. One may not receive much attention for the service one renders to Christ . . . but Christ knows and that is what really counts.
44. Your knowledge, faithfulness and courage can result in changed lives for Christ.
45. The power of the gospel (Good News) revolutionizes lives.
46. The gospel of Christ can break down social barriers.
47. Always compare what you hear with what the Bible says.
48. A preacher or teacher who gives God's true message will never contradict or explain away anything that is found in God's Word.
49. When you preach or teach God's word, do so with conviction.
50. God is the Creator—not the creation.
51. While you may change your approach to fit your audience, never change the Good News in order to do so.
52. Never leave your message unfinished. Souls are at stake.
53. Biblical ignorance is not bliss.
54. Even while waiting, one can make productive use of one's time.
55. It is good to have faithful co-workers in the Lord's work.