



ACTS

UNHINDERED

Acts 17:16-34



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“UN-COMPLACENT”

*Do we tend to be apathetic or complacent
when the gospel would move us to action?*

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“provoked ... full of idols”

2. Helping – 22-31

“What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you”

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“Meanwhile, as he waited for their arrival, he found himself alone in the cultural capital of the world. What should be the reaction of a Christian who visits or lives in a city which is dominated by a non-Christian ideology or religion, a city which may be aesthetically magnificent and culturally sophisticated, but morally decadent and spiritually deceived or dead?”

- John Stott

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“An idol is whatever you look at and say, in your heart of hearts, “If I have that, then I’ll feel my life has meaning, then I’ll know I have value, then I’ll feel significant and secure.” There are many ways to describe that kind of relationship to something, but perhaps the best one is worship.”

- Tim Keller

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“Idols are not limited to primitive societies; there are many sophisticated idols too. An idol is a god-substitute. Any person or thing that occupies the place which God should occupy is an idol. Covetousness is idolatry. Ideologies can be idolatries. So can fame, wealth and power, sex, food, alcohol and other drugs, parents, spouse, children and friends, work, recreation, television and possessions, even church religious and Christian service.”

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Hurting for the Emptiness of Idolatry

Hurting Especially for the Ignoring of God

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2. Helping – 22-31

“What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you”

Care Enough to Act / Interact – not just strategies

Care Enough to Answer “Ignorance” – not just soothing

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The emptiness that you are trying to fill, I can tell you about:

God gave us life and longing for relationship with him

That emptiness is partially because you refuse to have God filling it
So every attempt to fill that Emptiness with something besides him
is an Affront to him.

But God hasn't given up on Loving, he calls us to turn back to him
still in his Son Jesus, who is the eventual judge of all.

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