



PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word
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Acts Lesson 16 Lecture Notes
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“And according to Paul’s custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scripture, explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying “This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.” Acts 17:2-3

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

“...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.” 1 Peter 3:15

I. Paul’s method of presenting or defending the gospel Acts 17

- 1. Entered a _____ venue*
- 2. Presented Scripture as ultimate _____*
- 3. Engaged _____ moving hearers toward Christ using _____ reasoning, explaining and giving _____.*
- 4. _____ until hearts were hardened or disciples were formed.*

This strategy unifies _____, evangelism, and teaching. It encourages believers to participate in _____ much like the Socratic method.

II. Terminology Acts 17:2-3; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet.3:15

- 1. _____ -dialexato-to dispute; to present; to carry on a discussion; getting a _____ across by exchanging thoughts; exercising dialectical _____. This process shows your premise can withstand _____.*
- 2. _____ - dianoigon-to open thoroughly; to _____ to cause one to understand.*
- 3. giving _____ -paratithimenos- setting forth; to place beside; to present; _____ given out arranged like _____ on a table, orderly and accessible, inviting _____.*
- 4. handling _____ -orthotomeo-to cut _____; to dissect correctly.*
- 5. make a _____ - apologia- to answer for oneself; _____ reasoning; a thought-response to adequately address and issue.*

III. Personal application-how do I interpret the Scriptures correctly in order to apply them to my life, identify false teaching, and effectively share the truth with others?

1. Seek to know _____ and gain understanding of His nature and _____.
2. Be _____ to read, understand, and _____ His truth.
3. When studying Scripture apply good hermeneutics or _____:
 - a. _____ - author's _____ and audience with historical and cultural emphasis.
 - b. _____ - cross-reference for connecting _____ statements, themes, and core doctrines. _____ words carefully.
 - c. _____: think about your own biases and _____ ideas to identify how those might skew your interpretation. _____-drawing meaning out of the text. _____-reading meaning into the text.
 - d. _____ the Holy Spirit to guide you into truth John 14:26, 16:13.
 - e. _____ your conclusions with others, read other valid information, and be a good _____.
 - f. when confronted with questionable or _____ teaching, don't _____ or ignore it, work to _____ it until you have a logical and Biblical position.

Sample application:

Is homosexuality validated as an optional lifestyle as long as the couple is married?

Investigation:

1. How would the nature of God and His purpose for mankind speak to this question?
2. What verses address this issue, and what are the contexts of the teachings?
3. What biases or preconceived ideas do I have, and do they skew my understanding of the teaching? Am I reading into the texts or drawing correct meaning from the texts?
4. Have I asked the Holy Spirit for wisdom as I investigated and discussed others' views on this issue? Is my conclusion informed and reasonable?