

A Radically Different Approach Part 1  
Acts 17: 16-22

Paul begins with a traditional approach and then makes a radical deviation.

Why did Paul change his traditional approach?  
(1 Corinthians 9:19–23)

“Paul’s tool box of methods was limited only by his imagination.”

The city of Athens was a pagan city so an old approach would not have been successful.

**Even in our day if we don’t take the time and make the effort to connect with people to discover common ground then our message is not understood.**

My question for today:

*Will we take the time to find the way to connect with our culture and will we have the courage to pursue the ways that God shows us?*

*Alternatively, we can bury our heads, refuse to change and hope it will all go away. Then, I believe God will judge us because of our stubbornness.*

Paul’s experience in Athens

Acts 17:16 – Paul’s spirit is provoked. What does that mean?

Acts 17:17 Paul begins his ministry with old methods.

Acts 17:18 Paul interacts with the highly educated.

Acts 17:19-20 Paul is given his opportunity.

Question: Will we be willing to change our approach and our methods; will we change what is comfortable for us, just to get the message of the Gospel across in our community?