

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

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The BEAUTY of God's Word is that it CAN be translated in various ways that serve these purposes and others, without obscuring the Bible's own purpose—which is to show people the truth about God [make His name known], themselves, relationships, and the meaning of life, and to call forth the appropriate and necessary responses.

– Dr. David H. Stern, translator of Complete Jewish Bible

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1 Chronicles 12:32 NLT

[Men from each tribe of Israel who joined David to fight against Saul]
“From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the **signs** of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.”

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 NLT

“Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a **slave** to all people to bring many to Christ. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not **ignore** the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find **common ground** with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to **spread** the Good News and share in its blessings.”

Acts 17:16-17 ESV

“While Paul was waiting for them [Believers who had escorted Paul to safety from Berea] in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the **idols** he saw everywhere in the city. He went to the **synagogue** to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there.” [In the Agora, halls and classrooms, the internet of the day.] [Then meeting at the Aeropagus.]

Acts 17:31-34 VOICE

[Paul] “He [God] has fixed a day of **accountability**, when the whole world will be justly evaluated by a new, higher standard: not by a statue, but by a **living** Man. God selected this Man and made Him **credible** to all by raising Him from the dead.” When they heard that last phrase about resurrection from the dead, some shook their heads and scoffed, but others were even more **curious**.

[Others] “We would like you to come and speak to us again.”

Paul left at that point, but some people followed him and came to **faith**, including one from Areopagus named Dionysius, a prominent woman named Damaris, and others.”

Romans 10:14 ESV

“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to **believe** in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”

Matthew 5:3 NLT+

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who realize their **need** for God, for the kingdom of heaven is given to them.”