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**One Way To Start A New Work Of God**



Warren Wiersbe, Bible Exposition Commentary

Those who say that Paul modified his evangelistic tactics in Athens, hoping to appeal to the intellectuals, have missed the point. He preached the Gospel as boldly in Athens as he did in Berea and would do in Corinth.

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## **3. Work To Connect With The People** **(v22-28)**



David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

Paul did not quote these men because they were prophets or because all their teaching was of God. He quoted them because these specific words reflected a Biblical truth, and by using them he could build a bridge to his pagan audience.

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## **4. Work Toward Delivering The Gospel** **(v29-31)**



Paul's message is a masterpiece of communication. He started where the people were by referring to their altar dedicated to an unknown god. Having aroused their interest, he then explained who that God is and what He is like. He concluded the message with a personal application that left each council member facing a moral decision, and some of them decided for Jesus Christ.



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	1 Person Adding 3 People Per Year	1 Person Teaching Others To Add 1 Person Every 3 Years
Year 3	9	1
Year 6	18	3
Year 9	27	7
Year 12	36	15
Year 15	45	31
Year 18	54	63
Year 21	63	127
Year 24	72	255
Year 27	81	511
Year 30	90	1023