

The Ways of the World

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The ways of the world are disturbing to the follower of Jesus Christ.

- ¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.

Acts 17:16 (ESV)

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The poverty of the ways of the world drives the follower of Jesus Christ to share the riches of God's grace at every opportunity.

- ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.
Acts 17:17 (ESV)

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The ways of the world interpret the gospel message in light of its own systems.

- ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.
Acts 17:18 (ESV)

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The ways of the world move from one novelty to another.

- ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Acts 17:19-21 (ESV)