

**SERIES:
BEING A GREAT PERSON FOR A GREAT GOD**

**How to TURN The World RIGHT Side UP, Pt. 2
Acts 17:6; Selected Scriptures**

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Psalm 103:1-5 ESV – “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

1. You can turn the world right side up when you SHARE God’s LOVE and THE GOSPEL with others.

Acts 17:1-4 (ESV) - Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the

dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.” ⁴ And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

Acts 17:5-9 (ESV) - But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶ And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, ⁷ and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.” ⁸ And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. ⁹ And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

Reasoned – διαλέγομαι;

A. You must HAVE God’s LOVE FOR LOST people.

John 3:16 (ESV) – For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:7-8 (ESV) – For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

B. You must SHARE THE GOSPEL with LOST people.

John 17:18 (ESV) – As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

John 20:19-21 (NLT2) – That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

Acts 1:8 (ESV) – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

C. You must SHOW God’s LOVE to ALL people.

1 John 4:10-13 (ESV) – In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

John 13:34-35 (NLT) - So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one

another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

1 Peter 4:7-8 (NLT) - The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. ⁸ Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Thessalonians 3:12 (NLT) - And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow

Questions to Consider

1. When is the last time you saw something upside down? Did you turn it upside down or turn it right side up? Why?
2. What keeps person from turning their life right side up the most?
3. Was there ever a time when part of your life was turned upside down? If never, how did you keep your life right side up? If your life was ever upside down how did you turn it right side up? And if your life is currently upside down, what are you willing to do to turn your life right side up?
4. How do you think sharing God’s love with others can turn the world right side up?
5. How do you think sharing the Gospel with others can turn the world right side up?

6. What does it mean to have God's love for lost people.
7. How important is it to remind yourself that all lost people are not poor? Explain
8. What does it mean to you to know God saved you to share the Gospel with lost people?
9. What does it mean to you to know God gave you the Holy Spirit to empower you to share the Gospel with lost people?
10. How can remembering what The LORD has done for you in the past help you witness to others?
11. What, if anything, makes loving all people a challenge?
12. How does obeying God help you turn/keep your personal world right side up?