

# MAKING MOVES

## Living, Operating, and Advancing in the Purpose of God

***“For in Him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are His offspring.’” Act 17:28 NLT***

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### INTRODUCTION

➤ **With the combined title and the foundational scripture, what does that mean to you and how we should live?**

- Paul makes this declaration while speaking at the Areopagus in Athens, a center of philosophy and intellectual debate. The Athenians were searching for meaning, worshiping many gods—even erecting an altar “to the unknown god.
- Paul reveals something profound: The God they were searching for is not distant.
- Just before this verse, Paul declares:

***“He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.”  
Act 17:25 NLT***

➤ **This establishes a foundational truth:**

- Everything about life flows from God.
  1. Our life
  2. Our movement
  3. Our existence

➤ **Discussion Question:** If you knew at the end of five years from today, you would receive five million dollars. What would you endure to get it

and why? (Note: Read the factor before you answer the question) forfeit all payments, if you do not make it to the complete five years.

- This becomes a revelation about how believers should operate in life.
- We are not self-powered individuals navigating life alone.
- We are people whose lives originate, function, and advance in God.

- **Reflection:** In Him we live and move and have our being means our entire existence depends wholly on God.
  - Given this truth, how can worldly influences affect our walk with God?
- **Inspiration:** So, the whole picture here is that even in a sinful world and all kinds of sinful factors that may even cause migration of people in some circumstances, God is ultimately sovereign over that, and he is drawing people to seek Him and find Him.

**“Trust God, He Has Your Best Interest at Heart”**

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- **Revelation of ACT 17:28**
  - Paul describes three dimensions of divine relationship:
    1. Life – (Job 12:10) “In His hand is the life of every living thing. No other words more perfectly express our constant dependence on God. He is the original fountain and source of life (Psalm 36:9). Scripture tells us that God is the giver of life and breath. Humanity owes all the qualities and capacities of life to God.
  - In the last sentence it points out that all qualities and capacities is owed to God; what does that mean about being owed and your mindset towards God in your own words?

2. Movement- Our strength, both physical and spiritual, comes from God (Psalm 68:35). “He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even the youth grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.” (Isaiah 40:29-31). Again, these words communicate our absolute and continual reliance on God. Even to perform the slightest motion, we are utterly dependent on Him

After listening to this statement on movement, what does move with God mean to you personally?

3. Existence- Life is a gift. We owe continued existence to God (Ecclesiastes 5:19; Romans 6:23). He upholds us every moment; He sustains us by His power Word (Heb 1:3) We are created by God, and in Him all things hold together (Col 1:16-17). We cannot exist apart from Him.

- These represent three layers of spiritual reality:

| Dimension | Meaning                  |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Life      | God is our source        |
| Movement  | God directs our progress |
| Existence | God defines our identity |

- This connects directly to creation narrative:

***“Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living person.” Genesis 2:7 NLT***

- **Reflection:** Humanity did not begin with biological energy...Humanity began with divine breath.

This is why Jesus said:

***“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5 NLT***

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➤ **Greek Breakdown of Acts 17:28**

- The Greek language reveals powerful insight:
  1. “Live”- zao (ζάω)
    - a. Meaning:
      - i. To live- From the perspective of a vibrant and joyous standpoint (not lifeless, not dead).
      - ii. To possess life-From perspective of making things happen and not letting circumstances dictate a person’s mindset.  
To derive life from a source- Having a source of life bigger than yourself.
    - b. In your own words what does living mean to you?
- The word implies sustained life, not just biological existence.
- The biological sort which comes to us through nature, and which is always tending to rundown and decay so that it can only be kept up by incessant subsidies from nature in the of air, water, food, etc., is bios. The spiritual life which in God from all eternity, and which made the natural universe, is zoe( a noun and refers to the quality of life that God

gives). Bios has to be sure, a certain shadowy or symbolic resemblance to zoe: but only the sort of resemblance there is between a photo and a place, or a statue and a man. A man who changed from having bios to having zoe would have gone through as big a change as a statue which changed from being a carved stone to being a real man. One just exists and the other interacts with enthusiasm from a higher source. (endless in the kingdom of God).

- God is not only the origin of life—He is the sustainer of life.

***“Lord, you are my true strength and my glory-song, my champion, my Savior!” Psalms 118:14 TPT***

#### **Insight:**

- Without connection to God- People may be biologically alive but spiritually disconnected.
- Jesus addressed this reality:

***“A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect —life in its fullness until you overflow!”***

#### ***John 10:10 TPT***

- Christ restores the fullness of life.
  2. “Move”- kineō (κινέω)
    - a. Meaning:
      - i. To move- move from a place.
      - ii. To Set in motion- Motion which is evident in life.
      - iii. To stir or initiate movement- Don’t sit idol but light a spark.
    - b. Movement in scripture often represents divine direction.

- c. God moves people:
    - i. Calling, Purpose, or Assignment.
  - d. Why is so important to wait or hear before a move is made?
- Throughout Scripture we see God moving people into destiny.
    - God moved:
      - Abraham out of Ur – Genesis 12:1
      - Moses toward deliverance- Exodus 3:10
      - Joshua-1:2
  - Movement is evidence of divine guidance.

***“¶The steps of a man are established by the Lord, And He delights in his way.” Psalm 37:23 NASB2020***

3. Exist / Have our Being- eimi (εἶμι)
  - a. Meaning:
    - i. To be-
    - ii. To exist-
    - iii. To have identity and essence-
  - b. Paul states: “We are His offspring.” This is identity language.
  - c. Human identity originates in God’s image.

***“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:27 NASB2020***

- d. Because we come from Him, our lives should reflect Him.

***“For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters; Romans 8:29 NASB2020***

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➤ **The Five Kingdom Dimensions of Making Moves**

1. The Source of Our Life “In Him we move.”

- c. God is not simply part of life...He is the source of life.

***“Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.” James 1:17 NASB2020***

***“For the fountain of life is with You; In Your light we see light.” Psalm 36:9 NASB2020***

**Key Truth:**

- a. You cannot build a meaningful life detached from the source of life.

**Insight:**

- b. If use your phone daily it will lose power and eventually die if it is not connected back to the source of power. If we don't reconnect with God daily what will our state of condition be if this doesn't happen?

2. The Power of Our Movement “In Him we move.”

a. Movement represents:

- i. Progress- We will advance according to our destiny and good works which God prepared for us before our individual existence on this earth.
- ii. Development- A divine progression in the manifestation of the divine plan to man.

The world will constantly pressure you to conform to its ways. But for the greatest personal development, you will need to consistently resist the pull of the world. Instead, you can renew your

mind and transform your thoughts with daily Bible study, prayer, and meditation on Scripture. (Ref-Romans 12:2)

Remember it is all about God developing us according to His timing not ours.

Have you ever made an emotional, hasty, or maybe even a self-centered move or decision you thought was good at the time but later proved the opposite?

How did make feel and what lesson did you learn?

- iii. Purpose- God's purpose is God's plan according to His will.

"In Him also we have received an inheritance [a destiny-we were claimed by God as His own], having been predestined (chosen, appointed beforehand) according to the purpose of Him who works everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His will" Ephesians 1:12

### **Insight:**

God never intended believers to live stagnant lives.

***"But the lovers of God walk on the highway of light, and their way shines brighter and brighter until the perfect day." Proverbs 4:18 TPT***

God advances His people through His Spirit.

**"Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel, saying 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, 'says the Lord of armies.'" Zechariah 4: 6 NASB2020**

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### 3. The Foundation of Our Identity “In Him we exist.”

Identity is one of the greatest struggles of humanity.

- a. People search for identity through:
  - i. Accomplishments- Something that is successfully done and completed.
  - ii. Relationships- The way in which two or more concepts, objects, or people are connected, or the state of being connected.
  - iii. Public Approval- How the public feels about you or what you are doing.

How can these things affect your identity recognition?

**Key Truth:** Identity must come from God.

***“Look with wonder at the depth of the Father’s marvelous love that he has lavished on us! He has called us and made us his very own beloved children. The reason the world doesn’t recognize who we are is that they didn’t recognize him.”***

**1 John 3:1 TPT**

- b. Your Identity Determines:
  - i. Your Confidence- A feeling of self-assurance arising from one’s appreciation of one’s own abilities or qualities.
  - ii. Your Decisions- A conclusion or resolution reached after consideration.
  - iii. Your Direction- A course along which someone or something moves.

### 4. The Character of Our Operation “We are His offspring.”

- a. If we are God’s offspring, we must reflect His nature.
- b. God’s people must operate in kingdom character.

***“For Scripture says: “You are to be holy, because I am holy.”  
1 Peter 1:16 TPT***

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1:16 See Lev. 11:44; 19:2. Everything about God is holy. True holiness includes justice, mercy, truth, and righteousness. To be holy is to be absolutely devoted to God in all that we do, demonstrating who he is to the world. Holiness surrounds God's throne and we are seated with him in heavenly places ([Eph. 2:6](#)). The Hebraic concept of holiness is “set apart”; that is, we are a people set apart for God, even as God is “set apart” from all gods. Grace has imbedded holiness into our lives, yet we are to make right choices and to yield to Christ and God's Word as the Holy Spirit lives in us. Holiness is not merely actions we perform, but what we absorb and manifest as we live our lives in God's presence. Christ is our holiness ([1 Cor. 1:30](#)).

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***“And continue to walk surrendered to the extravagant love of Christ, for he surrendered his life as a sacrifice for us. His great love for us was pleasing to God, like an aroma of adoration—a sweet healing fragrance.”  
Ephesians 5:2 TPT***

c. Character sustains what talent alone cannot maintain.

5. The Purpose of Our Assignment “You were created for a divine assignment.”

***“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10 NASB2020***

- a. God designed your life for impact and purpose
- b. Jesus said:

***“You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”  
John 15:16 NASB2020***

**Key Truth:** When our lives align with God: Our movement produces fruit legacy.

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➤ **Three Types of Movement in Life (This becomes a powerful contrast in preaching).**

1. Self-Directed Movement (Driven by ego and ambition)

Moves motivated by:

- a. Pride- A feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated, or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired.
  - b. Self-promotion- The action of promoting or publicizing oneself or one's activities, especially in a forceful way.
  - c. Personal gain- Something useful or positive you get for yourself, especially money, often as part of your work.
- Why can this be particularly hard for someone that has a great amount of success with those motivations that were mentioned?

Scripture warns:

**“Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.” Proverbs 16:18 NASB2020**

**Insight:** Self-directed lives eventually collapse.

- a. Reactive Movement (Some people only move when forced by circumstances).

They respond to:

- i. Pressure- The use of persuasion, influence, or intimidation to make someone do something.
- ii. Crisis- A time of intense difficulty, trouble or danger.
- iii. Problems- A matter or situation regarded as unwelcome or harmful and needing to be dealt with and overcome.

Israel wandered in the wilderness because they reacted in fear instead of trust God. (Numbers 14:33)

- b. God-Directed Movement (This is the movement Paul describes).

Lives directed by God's guidance:

***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 NASB2020***

***“Trust in the Lord completely, and do not rely on your own opinions. With all your heart rely on him to guide you, and he will lead you in every decision you make.” Proverbs 3:5 TPT***

When God directs your movement. Your life produces:

- i. Purpose- The reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists.
- ii. Fruit- The fruit of the Holy Spirit that sums up nine attributes of a person or community living in accord with the Holy Spirit.
- iii. Legacy- The long-lasting impact of particular events, actions, etc. that took place in the past, or of a person's life.