

Acts
Kingdom Power
Acts 19:11-41

We learn to love many things, everything from certain foods to certain cars. We also learn to obsess over many things, everything from sports and entertainment and celebrities. As followers of Jesus, we can enjoy the things that this life has to offer, but our first love and primary obsession should be Jesus. Everything else is just idolatry.

1. Kingdom power exposes hypocrisy.
2. Kingdom power challenges idolatry.
3. Kingdom power stabilizes chaos.

Our job as followers of Jesus is not to try to become known to the demons as exorcists or to become famous because of some extraordinary power. We minister by credible persuasion not propaganda. We share God's truth, not man's religious lies. Our motive is always love, not anger; the glory of God, not the praise of men. If we would trust in Jesus, we would discover a kingdom power that endows us with an obedience to the Great Commandment and Great Commission that has the potential to transform society and change the world.

For further consideration

Is there any way in which you are in danger of wanting a Jesus you can use, rather than a Jesus who will save? What do you think is significant regarding the repentance that was displayed by the Ephesian converts? Do you think that repentance is viewed differently in our culture and even possibly within our version of Christianity? Do we see "the Way" creating any kind of disturbance in our society today? Paul was bold in his confrontation of idolatry. Are there idols in our lives that we must deal with boldly before we can deal with the idolatry of our culture with any sense of credibility? Take a few minutes to confess any idolatry in your life that might be keeping you from experiencing the joy that comes from living in kingdom power.