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## **Acts 19:5-20**

On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. 7 There were about twelve men in all. 8 And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, **reasoning** and **persuading** them about the kingdom of God. 9 But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, **reasoning daily** in the hall of Tyrannus...

10 This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.

13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." 14 Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this.

15 But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” 16 And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord **Jesus was extolled**. 18 Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. 19 And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all...

And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the **word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.**

# **1. Word and Spirit**

## **1 Thessalonians 1:4-5**

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

“There is no reason to believe that the infant congregation at Corinth was singular in this. The apostle does not write as if he were describing a marvelous state of affairs peculiar to that church... We are justified in considering it characteristic of the apostolic churches that such miraculous gifts should be displayed in them. The exception would not be a church with, but a church without such gifts... Everywhere the apostolic church was marked out as itself a gift from God by showing forth the possession of the Spirit in appropriate works of the Spirit – miracles of healing, miracles of power,



“...miracles of knowledge whether in form of prophecy or the discerning of spirits, miracles of speech, whether of the gift of tongues or of their interpretation. The apostolic church was characteristically a miracle-working church.”  
(B. B Warfield, Counterfeit Miracles, Banner of Truth, 1972, pp. 4–5)

-Terry Virgo

## **2. Hard work and endurance**

“One ancient, though not inspired, writing says that Paul held his meetings at the school of Tyrannus from eleven in the morning to four in the afternoon. This was the time most people rested from work, including Paul, who worked to support himself while in Ephesus (Acts 20:34-35). These also may have been the “off hours” for the school of Tyrannus.”

## **Genesis 3:19**

By the sweat of your brow  
you will eat your food  
until you return to the ground,  
since from it you were taken;  
for dust you are  
and to dust you will return.

# **3. Spiritual warfare**

## **1 John 5:19**

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

"Most Americans, even those who say they are Christian, have doubts about the intrusion of the supernatural into the natural world."

George Barna

I used to have to sneak around  
But now they just open their doors  
You know, no one's watching for my tricks  
Because no one believes in me anymore

-Keith Green



"The greatest lie the devil ever told was that he didn't exist"

- Kevin Spacey in movie The Usual Suspects

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall w respect to believing demons. One is to disbelieve their existence. The other is to believe and have an unhealthy and excessive interest in them.”

- CS Lewis, Screwtape Letters

## **Ephesians 6:12**

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

# **4. Open Repentance and Renouncing**



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