

# THE WORD OF THE LORD

## ACTS 19:23-41

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

Did **SPREAD** through the provinces of Asia. The satanic led Demetrius' "way" was no match for the powerful contagious grace that resulted in a life—"Christ in you". This was the recognizable "Way" that all could see. (Acts 19:23,26,20, fn 19:23, Acts 9:2, fn 9:2, John 14:6, fn 14:5, 6, Colossians 1:3-6, fn 1:6, Acts 2:41-47, fn 2:47, I Corinthians 6:9-11, fn 6:11, Romans 10:14-18, fn 10:14, 15,) *How is your Christian way a catalyst for others to come to Christ? What do you need to change?*

Did **CHANGE** the economy. Not only did the word of the Lord provide salvation for the Ephesians. His Word helped them in living their new lives. The influence of the Way of Jesus so changed the culture and its purchasing power that the Satanic businesses were in deep distress. (Acts 19:24, 25, 27, fn 19:24, fn 19:25-27, Isaiah 55:10, 11, Acts 19:18, 19, fn 19:18, 19, Colossians 2:6, 7, fn 2:6, 7, I Timothy 6:10-12, fn 6:11,12) *What would it take for your Christian community to economically distress the porn industry in your city?*

Was **PROTECTED** by the government. "Every mob in its ignorance and blindness and bewilderment is a league of frightened men that seek reassurance in collective action." Warren Wiersbe, Acts, p.77, quoting from The Unfinished Country by Max Lerner. God prevented Satan from working through government to stop the proclamation of the gospel. (Acts 19:28-41, fn 19:31, fn 19:41, I Peter 2:13-17, fn 2:13-17, Proverbs 21:1, fn 21:1, I Timothy 2:1-3, fn 2:2[2<sup>nd</sup>]) *In addition to keeping the law, what is your responsibility to your government?*

*Pray for one another's needs.*

*Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?*

