

The Real Deal

Lesson 11

Acts 19:11-12

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We have expression in America that says, "He's the real deal." What we are saying is the person in question is really who they are appearing to be.

They are not trying to be or convince you they are someone they are not. It is a compliment when someone says "You are the real deal." It means you are not a hypocrite or trying to be someone you are not.

The apostle Paul was the real deal. God began using Paul in amazing ways as recorded in the book of Acts.

When God began to use Paul in such amazing ways there arose people who saw this power who also wanted to do the same acts as Paul. The problem was they were not the real deal. They were trying to be someone they were not. They were trying to appropriate the same Power Source as Paul without ever having a relationship with the Power Source. It nearly killed them.

Acts 19:13-16

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It is impossible to be the real deal without tapping into the real Power Source.

The Holy Spirit is our Power Source.

Do you want to experience miracles in your walk with God? If so, ask God to allow His power to be manifested in and through you.

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Roundtable Discussion Questions

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1. Do you believe God does the same thing through men today as He did with Paul?
2. If someone were to refer to you as the "real deal", what would you want them to be talking about?
3. When your family or co-workers look at you do they see the "real deal"?