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Paul lives a life of transparency. God works through Paul. The power is God's. Paul lives the surrendered life and God works through Paul to call men to hear the voice of Jesus.

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They have been listening to Paul, but their eyes on the power Paul wields. Rather than listening to the call to surrender their desire, they begin to try to use a power they have not surrendered to. They try to cast out demons in the name of Jesus without surrendering to the power of Jesus. They want the world to look at them and see the miraculous things they are doing—not God working through man so that the world can see Jesus.

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What do the Christians in Ephesus do to live a transparent life?

They heard the voice of Jesus as He has been proclaimed to them. They recognize the need to allow God to be the single shining light in their lives. They began to put away the things in their lives that did not point to God. As God fills them up and begins shining in their lives, the impact of transparency is seen in the community of Ephesus.

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What kind of impact did Paul's transparency have on the community around him?

Paul's transparency show the community how God calls His people to live. His transparency modeled Godly behavior so others would know that they can live the same way. When people live transparent lives, sin has no place to hide, because the hearts of men are open to the power of God.