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ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

## One, Twelve, Seventy

A Message for Adults

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- The lifestyle that was Jesus' could be yours. Jesus traveled the streets on foot, staying wherever He found lodging. During His travels He told people the secrets of their hearts, healed infirmities and those afflicted with evil spirits, raised the dead and shared mysteries of the kingdom of God. After modeling this lifestyle, Jesus chose twelve, giving them commission. This model Jesus established for His church.
- **Text:** Matthew 10: 5-14 ASV

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These twelve Jesus sent forth, and charged them, saying, Go not into any way of the Gentiles, and enter not into any city of the Samaritans: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons: freely ye received, freely give. Get you no gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses; no wallet for your journey, neither two coats, nor shoes, nor staff: for the laborer is worthy of his food. And into whatsoever city or

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village ye shall enter, search out who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go forth. And as ye enter into the house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, as ye go forth out of that house or that city, shake off the dust of your feet.

- He gave them power, authority, and some guidelines. He told them to:

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1. Visit the cities of Israel.
  2. Inquire who was worthy.
  3. Speak peace to the homes that received them.
  4. Preach the kingdom of God.
  5. Deal with sickness and demonic oppression.
- Things went well on the first assignment. A short time later He sent out seventy, to do the same things, with a few changes to the plan.

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- **Text:** Luke 10: 1-11 ASV

Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself was about to come. And he said unto them, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest. Go your ways; behold, I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no wallet, no shoes; and salute no man on the way. And into

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whatsoever house ye shall enter, first say,  
Peace be to this house. And if a son of peace  
be there, your peace shall rest upon him: but if  
not, it shall turn to you again. And in that same  
house remain, eating and drinking such things  
as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire.  
Go not from house to house. And into  
whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you,  
eat such things as are set before you: and heal  
the sick that are therein, and say unto them,  
The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But  
into whatsoever city ye shall enter, and they

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receive you not, go out into the streets thereof and say, Even the dust from your city, that cleaveth to our feet, we wipe off against you: nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh.

- Jesus set the stage for any discipling ministry to bear fruit. I marvel how strange the example He gave is, when I look at the church today. One of the saddest truths about Christianity today, is we have strayed so far.
- Disciples are given specific instructions where

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to minister and where not to. Jesus told them not to go any way of the Gentiles, and not to enter any city of the Samaritans. Luke tells in the Acts of the Apostles the disciples tried to go to several places the Holy Spirit didn't want them to visit. The reasons why the Holy Spirit opposed their ministry to Asia and Bithynia is not known. Ministry is directed by the Holy Spirit !

- **Text:** Acts 16: 6-8 ASV

And they went through the region of Phrygia

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and Galatia, having been forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; and when they were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; and the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not; and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

- Many experience the disappointment of trying to minister to their own family. Those who know our faults and failures from childhood may doubt God could use us. If you meet resistance and failure in your family or hometown, consider asking God if there is another location where

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you can be used effectively.

- Jesus instructed His disciples to find people who were worthy. He not only told them there were certain places to go, but there were certain people who would receive them and others who would not. Many have been frustrated when they poured everything into a group of people and it seemed all their labor was for nothing. God has certain hearts that have been prepared for His message. They are ready for us to reveal the gospel to them, but

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we must find out who and where they are.

- Have you ever wondered why Jesus sent disciples out in groups of two? Success and humility do not always walk hand in hand. When we encounter healing, a problem may arise; there is a tendency for pride to sneak in. If there are two pairs of hands resting on someone when they are healed of cancer, who gets the credit? Doing ministry in tandem with a partner prevents swollen egos. The honor and glory belongs to God. Partnering prevents

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opportunity for pride to take root. Having a partner can also minimize the effect of those days when your faith is weak or rebellious. Your partner should be praying for you and them. Jesus has already won the victory; all we do is inform the world the victory has been won!

- Ministries have crashed because of scandalous affairs. I don't want to give opportunity to destroy my ministry, whenever possible my bride and I minister together. Home Ministry is outreach of the covenantial relationship between a man and wife. Because they are one

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mind and one spirit, a spouse should always be given consideration as primary partner for ministry. Jehovah has already blessed and anointed them.

- Immanuel, translated God with us, walked the earth and breathed the same air as the ancients of yesteryear. Jesus demonstrated and taught the kingdom of God was at hand. The kingdom was so close He laid hands on them. Jesus told the eleven disciples who went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus appointed them; go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing

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them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things I commanded and I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matthew 28: 16 & 19-20) What better way to bring people into a personal relationship with God than by giving disciples authority to heal the sick, infirm and hurting? It comes with responsibility. Jesus watches to see once we decide to minister to this one or that one, they are made well, unless they choose to walk away from it. Jesus has

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given us specific authority and we never have to ask, wonder or question again.

- There are so many churches because Jesus wants everyone healed.

*You are invited to join us!*

*We continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*

*We study doctrine and pray every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.*