The Seventy

Luke 10:1-21
Key Thought

The mission and instructions given to these seventy disciples of Jesus can give us encouragement and instruction in our duty of sharing the gospel of the kingdom with others
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- How they were to go
- How they were to conduct themselves
- The results
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- With Regard to the Need
Luke 10:2

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How They Were to Go

- Two by Two
- With Regard to the Need
- With Prayer
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How They Were to Go

- Two by Two
- With Regard to the Need
- With Prayer
- Forewarned of Danger
Luke 10:3

Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.
How They Were to Go

- Two by Two
- With Regard to the Need
- With Prayer
- Forewarned of Danger
- No money bag, knapsack or sandals
Luke 10:4

Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.
Why not carry a money bag, knapsack and sandals?

- To be unrestrained by baggage
Our Baggage

- Sin
- Excessive worldly commitments
- Fear
- Feelings of inadequacy
- Apathy
- Discouragement
Hebrews 12:1

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
Why not carry a money bag, knapsack and sandals?

- To be unrestrained by baggage
- To avoid taking the time to “gear up”
When Did God Make Moses a Super-Saint?

Exodus 4:1-2  Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.' "  2  So the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod."
When Did God Make Moses a Super-Saint?

Exodus 4:10-11 Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." 11 So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD?"
When Will God Make Me A Super-Christian?

Matthew 13:12  For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

Luke 12:48  For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.
How They Were to Go

- Two by Two
- With Regard to the Need
- With Prayer
- Forewarned of Danger
- No money bag, knapsack or sandals
- In haste
Luke 10:4

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How They were to Conduct Themselves

- Pray for the good of each household
But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.
How They were to Conduct Themselves

- Pray for the good of each household
- Freely receive hospitality
And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8 Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.
How They were to Conduct Themselves

- Pray for the good of each household
- Freely receive hospitality
- Help those who needed help
And **heal the sick there**, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'
How They were to Conduct Themselves

- Pray for the good of each household
- Freely receive hospitality
- Help those who needed help
- Announce the kingdom of God
Luke 10:9-11

And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.'
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The Results

- Depended on the hearers
Luke 10:12-15

But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city. 13 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. 15 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades.
The Results

- Depended on the hearers
- They were agents of Jesus Christ
Luke 10:16

He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."
The Results

- Depended on the hearers
- They were be agents of Jesus Christ
- Their work was accepted, approved and expanded
Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."
The Results

- Depended on the hearers
- They were be agents of Jesus Christ
- Their work was accepted, approved and expanded
- Jesus was delighted
Luke 10:21

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight."
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1 Corinthians 1:20-21

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.