

Matthew Chapter 10

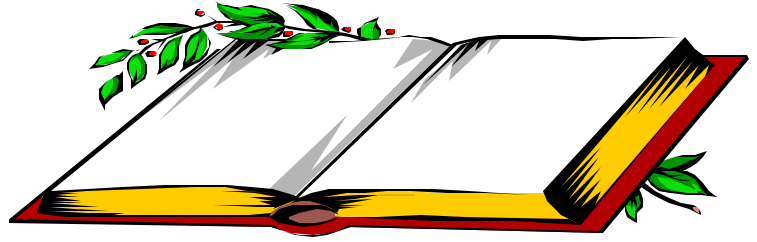
Matthew 10:1

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness, and all manner of diseases.

The disciples had been formed as a group some time previously, after a period of time of receiving instructions and training they were sent out and empowered to heal the sick, and cast out unclean spirits

Matthew 10:2

Now the name of the twelve apostles are these: the first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Prior to becoming apostles they were disciples. Disciple is one that believe, a member of the church of Christ, meaning the individual has received Jesus in their heart, Jesus is their Lord and Savior. After they had been taught, they were sent out, or sent forth. The Apostolic anointing differs than that of a disciples. Both are anointed to cast out demons, heal the sick, but an Apostle has the ability to help establish things in the lives of individuals and in the church. To establish



Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

means to confirm, strengthen. This is done through impartations. To impart mean to transfer the anointing.

Matthew 10:3-4

Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alpheus, and Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddeus, Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

The disciples were from different backgrounds. He called a fisherman, tax collector, and physician. Jesus does not discriminate. He didn't chose them according to their financial or educational background.

Matthew 10:5

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not.

The reason why Jesus instructed them not to go to the Gentiles is because a Gentile is one that is not a Jew. The Samaritans were a race that resulted from intermarriage between Jews and Gentiles after the Old Testament captivities. The Jews were God's first

chosen people.

Matthew 10:6

But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Since the Jew were God's first chosen people, He wanted to reconcile them to Him. Many were calling upon the name of God, but they were backslidden.

Matthew 10:7

And as ye go, preach, saying the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The disciples were to let the people know that the kingdom of heaven was near them. Jesus was in the midst of them, the Son of God that had given them the authority to heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devil.

Matthew 10:8

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

The disciples were to use the anointing God had given them. They had power over sickness and disease.

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They were to cast out demonic spirits. There is only one devil, but many demons.

The anointing that enable them to take authority is the same anointing working in every born-again believer 's life if they would use the authority that has been given them. They weren't to charge for their services. Neither then nor now should we charge for rendering services to God's people. We received it freely and we should freely give . We should give generously to others of our time, love, and possessions.

Matthew 10:9

Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor bass in your purses.

The disciples weren't poor, the poor people didn't have gold and silver. Caring these items could have made them lose their focus on what they were supposed to do. They would have been worrying about their worldly possessions instead of doing what Jesus had instructed them to do.

Matthew 10:10

Nor scrip (bag) for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves (staff): for the workman is worthy of his meat.

They were to carry nothing but themselves and the anointing the Lord had placed upon them. Too many times we're weighted down with things that we don't need for the journey when we're going to minister. Ministering is not showing how much we've achieved, or having to worry about our belongings being lost or stolen while were trying to minister. They were to go out ready for duty and travel, unencumbered by excess material goods.

Matthew 10:11

And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who is worthy; and there abide till you go thence.

The disciples weren't to stay at anyone house. They were to stay at that house until they left the city. People carry spirits and the spirits that's on them are in their homes if they aren't submitted to the word of God. Prior to ministering a person needs to be in an atmosphere where the Spirit of the Lord is welcome, where they can be ministered to before going to minister. They were to go where the people would welcome the doctrine.

Matthew 10:12

And when ye come into a house, salute it.

When they entered the home, they were to salute the family, to show they were serious. They were to be courteous, and civil, and obliging to all in that house.

Matthew 10:13

And if the house (household) be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

If the household they stayed in welcomed their greetings, they were to teach and preach the word of God to them. If they didn't accept them, they were to leave the dwelling and keep the word of God in their hearts and give it to someone that would accept the gospel.

Matthew 10:14

And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

When leaving Gentile cities, pious Jews often shook the dust from their feet to show their separation from Gentile practice. If the

disciples shook the dust of a Jewish town from their feet, it would show their separation from Jews who rejected the Messiah.

Matthew 10:15

Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

It would be worst off for them because they had the options of hearing the word of God whereas Sodom and Gomorrah didn't. People who reject the teachings and following the instructions of God's word will be lost .

Matthew 10:16

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

The Pharisees were hostile to the teaching of the disciples. They were like ravaging wolves. They were to be on guard, watchful, but yet harmless as doves.

Matthew 10:17

But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues.

Jesus warned them that they would be persecuted for living according to God's standards and not man's. They were going to encounter hardship from the ungodly as well a their spiritual family. Serving God causes us to go through rejection, and being misunderstood.

Matthew 10:18

And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against (to) them and the Gentiles.

Then and now disciples are scorned because of their stand for righteousness. Those in authority reject us as well as our teaching, we must stand firm in

what we believe in, showing those that reject Jesus by our consistent walk with Him without hypocrisy. Our daily walk will be more of a testimony more than the words we speak and we don't have actions backing up the word.

Matthew 10:20

For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

Jesus told the disciples that when arrested for preaching the gospel, they should not worry about what to say in their defense, God's Spirit would speak through them. We don't have to fight our battle, God will do it for us, if we let Him.

Matthew 10:21

And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.

Because of our stand for Jesus, people will be against us including our unsaved loved ones. People are influenced by Satan and if they don't have the word of God embedded in their hearts they will carry out whatever Satan will tell them to do.

Matthew 10:22

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

With many trials and tribulations shall we enter into the kingdom of God. Through our dedication to the Lord He will give us the Grace to endure to the end. He that started a good work in us shall complete it. It's the Spirit of God that enables us to love people. We're either going to have God's spirit living in us or we will have Satan's spirit. One or the other will dwell in us, and we will obey the spirit in us. The reason w

why the Sadducees and Pharisees hated Jesus is because they had the spirit of Satan indwelling them, they hated Him and they influenced others to hate Him. People will do us the same way, but as they hate, we should show them the love of God, draw them with loving kindness.

Matthew 10:23

But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

Many times when trying to witness to people we may encounter hostility, hatred, and persecution; don't stop trying to influence people to except Jesus. When people reject the word of God, go and witness to others as the Spirit of God leads you. Whether you witness verbally or by your characteristics, people will see Jesus in you and some may not like what they see. Be a witness until Jesus returns.

Matthew 10:24

The disciples is not above his master (teacher), nor the servant above his lord.

Jesus was informing them as they persecuted Him, they will persecute them. As Jesus went through suffering the disciple as well as the servant shall also go through, but in their suffering keep the faith. That's the reason why many reject salvation because they don't want to go through nothing. In our suffering we shall reign with Him in the anointing to deliver others from the strongholds of Satan.

Matthew 10:25

It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master (teacher) and the servant his lord. If they have called the

master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

If you're in the household of faith, living according to the word of God expect to be treated as your Master. People that don't understand the anointing will say you're a witch or some type of devil. Beelzebub was also known as the lord of the flies and the prince of devils. The Pharisees accused Jesus of using Beelzebub's power to cast out demons. People will call good evil, and evil good.

Matthew 10:26

Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered (veiled or hid) that shall not be revealed, and hid, that shall not be known.

As born-again Christians, we aren't suppose to fear people nor demons. Fear will keep you from doing what God will have you to do if you're fearful. You can't cast out an evil spirit if you are afraid. God is with us and He will let nothing happen to us that has not been already predestinated.

Matthew 10:27

What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light, and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

What God has given us, He wants us to give to others. As we submit ourselves to God, read and study the word, He will give us revelations and discernment about the natural and spiritual. There is nothing hidden from God, He will show and tell us things we're not aware of. God does not always speak to us in a still small voice, sometimes He speaks to us through dreams and visions. What He tells us through the spoken word as well as His written word, He want us to inform others so that they too can experience the love of the Father.

Matthew 10:28

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Fear will keep us from doing what the Father has instructed us to do. We shouldn't fear man, but fear God. God is the only one that can give and take life. Although our parents produced us, they couldn't produce if God hadn't allowed it. When we die, God has the last say so where we will spend eternity. Our life is in the hand of our Creator. If we fear, it should be a godly fear towards God.

Matthew 10:29

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

God is in control, there is nothing that can happen to us and God isn't aware. When people mistreat us, we don't have to avenge ourselves, God will do it, if we let Him. Jesus we counsel us in what to do, and God will be the Judge. We couldn't ask for a better team. There is nothing we go through that someone hasn't went through. That is why it is so important to attend church so that we can hear the testimonies of what God has done for others.

Matthew 10:30

But the very hairs of your head are numbered.

We can't count the number of hairs on our head, but God has a count. There's nothing we can get ourselves in that God can't deliver us out. He is the beginning and the ending of our life. What we can't perform, God can, He works in the impossible.

Matthew 10:31

Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Jesus said that God is aware of everything that happens even to the sparrows, and He said, we are more valuable than sparrows. We need not fear man or when we go through test and trials. The Father watches over us night and day, and when we dwell in the secret hiding place of the Most High, nothing can hurt or harm us.

Matthew 10:32

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

When we let others know of our faith in God and the Son, Jesus will let the Father know about our faith we have in Him and before men. Many times Christians wear mask, they have one for home, work, school, and church because they are afraid of what people will think of them. We should be like mirrors, when people see us they will see the reflection of Jesus in us.

Matthew 10:33

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

If we deny Jesus, He will also deny us to the Father. Open confession is indicating our faith in God, it will let both the devil and man know who we belong to. When people know who your father and brother are in the natural, the majority of the time, they will not bother you, it's the same way spiritually. Secondly, for those who don't have a relationship with God, they may come to someone who does know Him, and they can be lead into Christ.

Matthew 10:34

Don't think that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

Jesus came to fulfill the law. He came to reconcile us back to the Father. Through Him sending back the Comforter, we can be at peace in whatever we go through, knowing that God will never place more

on us than we can take.

Matthew 10:36

And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

David said when my enemies and even my foes came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and felled. Satan will use people in your family to come against you. It's not them, but the spirit that lives in them, fighting against the spirit that lives in you. Don't fight them in the natural, but fight the spirit that's in them with the word of God.

Matthew 10:37

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Jesus doesn't want us to place anyone or anything above Him. Too many times we love our family more than we love God and they become our god, we will serve them and resist the teaching and instructions of Jesus, and that's when sin enters in.

Matthew 10:38

And he that taketh not his cross, and follow after me, is not worthy of me.

To take our cross and follow Jesus means being willing to publicly identify with Him, to face oppositions, rejections, hurt, suffer and even death for Him.

Matthew 10:39

He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it

Clinging to life may cause us to forfeit the best from Christ in this world and in the next. When we sit our affections on heavenly things, popularity, financial security, seeking husbands and wives will not be on the top of our list. Only what we do for Christ will last. Everything on earth will one day fade away, but

when we have God as our priority, other things may not mean as much. We need to renew our priorities, that's what keeping us from growing spiritually.

Matthew 10:40

He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

Too many times God's people have missed their blessing because they didn't receive who God sent to minister to them. Some were rejected because of their nationality or gender. Others were rejected because of spiritual discrimination. Listen and discern the spirit and then will we know if its from God. Stop looking on the outer appearance and look at the spirit.

Matthew 10:41

He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man reward.

Know them that labor among you by the spirit and not by title. Everyone that's wearing a title is not performing what they title carries. A true prophet and righteous person will bring blessings as we receive them as a man or woman of God. The reason why is because they will speak what the Spirit tells them and as we believe what the Spirit is saying we shall have according to our faith.

Too many people are carrying titles, but the demonstration of the power of God is not being manifested in their life.

Just as the power of God was being manifested in the lives of the Apostles, it should manifest in us, the power didn't cease when the Apostles died. The problem is the majority of the

time we don't want to commit ourselves as the Apostles did. It takes consistent and persistent prayer, reading and studying the word of God as well as committing ourselves completely to Him to be used by Him. The Pharisees and Sadducees were scholars with the word, but God's power wasn't being manifested through them. We don't want to have plenty of head knowledge and don't have spiritual knowledge or power.

Matthew 10:42

And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

As we receive and honor the man or woman of God, God will bless us for our submission. Submission is for those that are in leadership as well as the layperson (righteous man). Those that are called of God and have committed themselves to Him, only want to do and say what the Spirit tells them to do.

A true man or woman of God only wants to see God's people grow spiritually. That is the reason why there are different offices in order to bring the body of Christ into perfection of the revelation of Jesus Christ until we all come into the unity of the faith.

Too many of God's people have been misled by people that were in the church, but they were sent by the adversary to destroy the faith of the believer, that is why it is so important that we have a personal relationship with the Lord. Don't wait for others to pray for you, you pray and read the word of God for yourself. You sit and wait and listen for God to speak to you, so you will know the voice of God, so you will know God's word for yourself.

How we treat the man and woman of God will determine how we will be blessed. Throughout the Bible those that served the man of God was always blessed.

When we bless the man or woman of God, God blesses the giver. If you have a pastor that has the heart of God, you are blessed. When they teach and preach the word of God and then live by what they teach you have a pastor that has been sent by God. Honor and respect them because it is your pastor that watches over your soul and take you to the alter of God when you don't have the strength to take yourself there. Ask God to show you the spirit of those that minister to you. Know whose ministering to you.

God bless you! Be encouraged. Know that you have the victory through Jesus Christ the Lord of Host.

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