



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 9: 1-6

Jesus summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic.

Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there.

And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town,

shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them."

Then they set out and went from village to village

proclaiming the Good News and curing diseases everywhere.

Our Scripture Reflection

The Greek word for Apostle literally means "to be sent." That is exactly what Jesus does in today's Gospel reading: He sends His Apostles out on mission. By virtue of His authority they are to proclaim the presence of the Kingdom of God through their ministry of healing, exorcising demons and as they give witness to their Lord. They are to be resolute and focused in their work. Their material needs will be supplied by God. Jesus warns them that rejection is a

real possibility but will not hinder the mission going forward. Jesus wants His offer of salvation to be given to all people and His desires will be accomplished.

Food for your Journey

A crab fisherman was once asked why he didn't put a lid on the bucket that held his day's catch. He replied, "The moment one of them climbs out, the others reach up and pull it back down again."

We do the same thing, don't we? You come back down here with the rest of us! How dare you succeed? How dare you do well? The apostle Paul warned, "But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!" (Galatians 5:15).

As believers, our competition is with the world, the flesh and the devil (see 1 John 2:15-16), not with fellow Christians.

--Greg Laurie

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You have done wonderful things for me because of Your love. Help me each and every day to witness to Your love to all who hunger and thirst for it. May they come to know of Your goodness by the way I live my love for you. Amen