



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 10: 1-12

Jesus appointed seventy-two other disciples whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.

He said to them,

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.

Go on your way;

behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.

Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.

Into whatever house you enter, first say,

'Peace to this household.'

If a peaceful person lives there,

your peace will rest on him;

but if not, it will return to you.

Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment.

Do not move about from one house to another.

Whatever town you enter and they welcome you,

eat what is set before you,

cure the sick in it and say to them,

'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'
Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you,
go out into the streets and say,
'The dust of your town that clings to our feet,
even that we shake off against you.'
Yet know this: the Kingdom of God is at hand.
I tell you,
it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day
than for that town."

Our Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel reading Jesus sends out 72 disciples. Their mission is simple: Proclaim the Kingdom of God. They are not to be bothered by worries about food, shelter, clothing. They are to keep it simple and trust. Rejection is inevitable but this is not to be a cause for worry either. Why? They are not to take it personally. It will be Jesus and His Kingdom that is being rejected. They are to stay focused and keep moving forward.

Food for your Journey

At a benefit dinner a few years ago, actor Jimmy Stewart gave a speech in which he tried to define leadership. Denis Waitley was there, and he summarized Stewart's speech as follows:

"Real leaders come in all shapes and sizes and from all walks of life. But they all have a few things in common:

"They are never so big that they can't bend down to help someone else.

"They are never so wise that they don't remember who taught them.

"They are never so gifted that they won't share their skills with others.

"They are never so fearless that they don't play by the rules and live by the law.

"They are never such big winners that they forget what it feels like to lose."

--Denis Waitley,

The New Dynamics of Winning: Gain the Mindset of a Champion for Unlimited Success in Business and Life

(New York: William Morrow, 1993), 145-46.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, As it was in Your day so it is in our own...people are hungry for You. So many have tried the way of money, addictions and stuff and have come up lonely and empty. Help me through my witness to You to show them that only Your way will bring true Peace and lasting Joy. Amen