

THE IMPORTANT THING

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LUKE 10:17-29

Now the seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!”¹⁸ And He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning.¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to walk on snakes and scorpions, and authority over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.”

THOUGHT

- Don't get drunk on power!
 - Jesus reminds His disciples what is important, not that the spirits are subject to them, but that their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (recorded in heaven).

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²¹ At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for doing so was well pleasing in Your sight. ²² All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son determines to reveal Him."

THOUGHT

Jesus is very happy that His disciples had good results! These results weren't done by human power, but were a demonstration of the power of God.

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²³ Turning to the disciples, He said privately,
“Blessed are the eyes that see the things you see;
²⁴ for I tell you that many prophets and kings
wanted to see the things that you see, and did not
see them, and to hear the things that you hear,
and did not hear them.”

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²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?” ²⁷ And he answered, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” ²⁸ And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.” ²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

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³⁰ Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he encountered robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. ³¹ And by coincidence a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

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³³ But a Samaritan who was on a journey came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, ³⁴ and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay you.'

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³⁶ Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" ³⁷ And he said, "The one who showed compassion to him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

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