

I. Our Spiritual Foundation (1-2)

A. The prerequisite for their ministry (1a) - “And He called the twelve together and gave them power and authority...”

Kingdom ministry requires us to believe in & operate in His authority and His power

B. The power in their mantles (1b) - “...power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases.”

C. The punctuating of their message (2) - “He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.”

They were not to market the message, beg for belief, or pander for professions. They proclaimed TRUTH with power.

II. Our Strong Determination (3-5)

A. We will remain dependent on God (3) - “And He said to them, ‘Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics

B. We will trust God as we meet the needs of others (4) - “Whatever house you enter, stay there and from there depart.”

BEWARE OF THE CONSUMER MENTALITY IN THE PULPIT & IN THE PEWS

C. We will endure when experiencing rejection (5) - “Wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.”

Ensure that people understand the seriousness of rejecting Christ

III. Our Simple Submission (6,10)

A. Their feet obeyed in going (6a) - “They departed and went through the villages...” **They went where Jesus sent**

B. Their mouths obeyed in telling (6b) - “...preaching the gospel...” **They preached what Jesus said**

C. Their hands obeyed in healing (6c) - “...and healing everywhere.” **They did what Jesus did**

D. Their hearts obeyed in returning (10a) - “On their return the apostles told Him all that they had done.”
Ministry should be placed before Him for evaluation

E. Their desires obeyed in communing (10b) - “...and He took them and withdrew apart...”
Ministry without time alone with Him becomes dangerous work