



FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE Matthew 9:37, 10:7, 16

Jesus said; "the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few". Harvest has never been the problem, but the pool of laborers. Where are the laborers now? What would Jesus ask us to do?

Step 1: PRAYER: "Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers" into the field. This is the desire and will of our Father in heaven. What pleases the heart of our Father is to bring light to those who are in the darkness.

Step 2: Preparation/Affirmation: Jesus, in the very next verse, calls the twelve disciples and "gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease" (Matthew 10:1). Jesus didn't look at the degree or credentials of the ones He called, but their faithfulness. Jesus gave them the authority and sent them into the field. The best training they ever received was being around Jesus.

Step 3: BE THE SOLUTION: Jesus shows the disciples how to take care of the problem. Verse 10:7 says, "preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand." That means show the world that the kingdom of heaven is working. Exercise the gift that is within you by sharing the good news in your work places, in your school, home, families, neighborhood, etc... God has given authority to each one of us. The word of God says: "freely you have received, freely give." Many people lose their blessings and future because they do not use what God has given them. Those who sit are like the foolish virgins that have no oil when the bridegroom comes and also the man who had one talent and never used it. We must be doers of the word and not just hearers.

Step 4: DISCERNMENT: Jesus tells them to be careful. "I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves" (Matt. 10:16). There are many wolves in sheep's clothing. They will try to take you out, but the word of God says; be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Be wise when dealing with the wolves; don't give them the time of the day!! Do not expect everything to go smooth and nicely, but remember that we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ!!

Let's follow the teaching of Jesus and become the solution for our nations, families and churches.

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