



“After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.” (Luke 10:1)

A Mission for All

Apostles or All Believers?

- Apostles and disciples received the same mission
- The Lord Christ identifies Himself with those who share the message of the gospel
- “He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.” (Luke 10:16)
- “For thus says the Lord God: ‘Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.’” (Ezekiel 34:11-12)

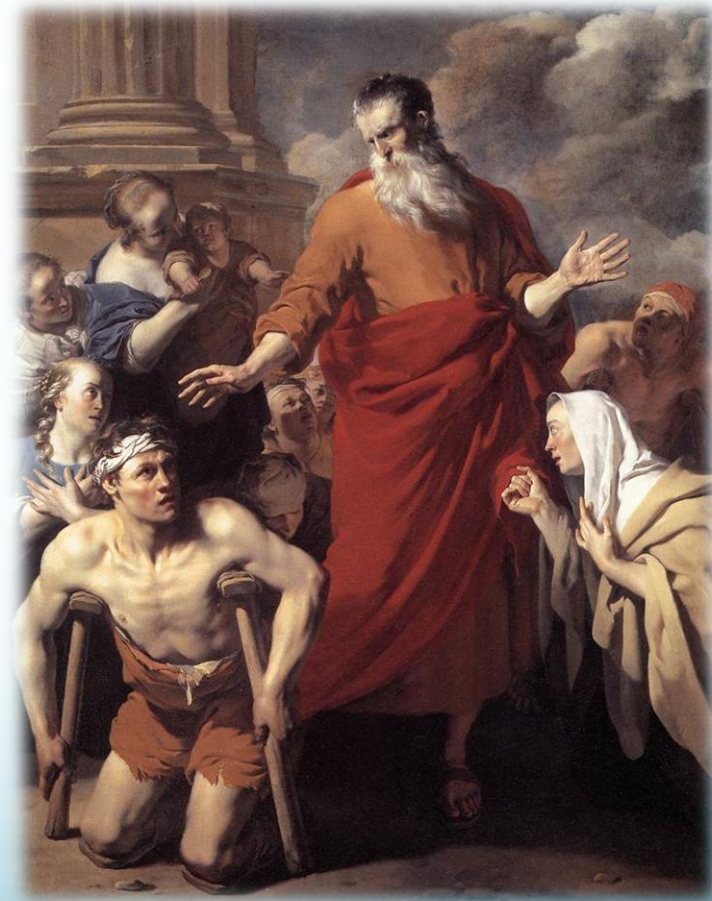


What is our Mission?

1. To preach the kingdom and heal the sick
 - “He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” (Luke 9:2)
 - “Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples).” (John 4:1-2)
 - “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” (Matt. 10:5-6)
 - “So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.” (Luke 9:6)

What is our Mission?

- Healing the sick?
 - “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also...”
(John 14:12)
 - Miracles are not necessary for preaching
 - It was a tool



What is our Mission?

2. Make disciples of all nations

- Disciples or followers?
- His ultimate desire is for ALL nations



What is our Mission?

3. Teach them

- Teaching is a responsibility of every believer whether they accept it willfully or not
- “Yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship.”
(1 Cor. 9:16-17)

Identity of a Disciple

1. Conviction

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(1 Cor. 9:16-17)
- “*One person with conviction is the majority.*”
(John Maxwell)

Identity of a Disciple

2. Self-Sacrifice

- “Do we have no right to **eat and drink**? Do we have no right to **take along a believing wife**, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to **refrain from working**? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?” (1 Cor. 9:4-7)
- “Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece.” (Luke 9:3)

Identity of a Disciple

3. Focus on the prize

- “What is my reward then? That when I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel of Christ without charge, that I may not abuse my authority in the gospel.” (1 Cor. 9:18)
- “I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it **with you**.” (1 Cor. 9:22-23)

How to pursue the prize?

- Temperate in all thing
 - “And everyone who competes for the prize is **temperate in all things.**” (1 Cor. 9:25)
- With certainty
 - “Therefore I run thus: **not with uncertainty.** Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.” (1 Cor. 9:26)
 - Targeted and purposeful
- Abide by the rules
 - “But I **discipline my body** and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become **disqualified.**” (1 Cor. 9:27)

Conclusion

- Our mission is...
 - To preach the Kingdom and heal the sick
 - Make disciples of all nations
 - Teach them – to observe all things that I have commanded you
- But it takes a disciple who has...
 - Conviction
 - Self-sacrifice
 - Focus on the prize
- What will I do with the open doors?