



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Principles of the Kingdom's Ministry... by Billy

READ LUKE 10:1-12

- Today I am going to highlight what I consider to be principles of ministry in the Kingdom of God.
- Notice in the first place the importance of preparing the way. (v1)
- The point is that our work is derived from a greater authority as we are not building our own dynasty.
- Like John the Baptist we are a voice calling out in the wilderness pointing to the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.
- Secondly, the primacy of prayer is fundamental to the mission of God.(v2)
- When the church begins to pray for the advance of the Kingdom and specifically for workers to obey the call to help with the great harvest, this principle takes effect.
- Yes prayer is absolutely vital but true prayer will bring something to the birth.
- There will be a rising up of those who are asleep in the light, there will be a revelation of God's will and a passion for those who are lost will become reality.
- Thirdly, note that the 70 were sent out as lambs among wolves. (v3)
- We tend to believe that these were super-human figures based on the success of their mission (v17) but they were as needy and vulnerable as anyone embarking on a new mission in unknown territory.
- This is part of the nature of our calling. We will experience great weakness before we can draw upon the resources of God.
- Let's not be afraid of weakness, apprehension and feelings of foolishness.
- Another notable principle is that God will provide for every journey of faith.
- This is clear from the command not to bring provisions, (v4) the directive that the labourer is worthy of his hire (v7) and the expectation that the workers will be fed by those who benefit from their labours. (v8)
- Finally I suppose the principle to underline is found in v.20.
- "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven"
- It is not the success of the ministry but the promise of everlasting life that is the true source of joy for the worker.

Events /Notices

- ▶ **Tiglin praise meeting** on *Wednesday 22nd February 7.30pm* in Ashford, Co. Wicklow. No prayer Meeting in 110)

Extra Services

If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:

▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3-7 years old in the Crèche (as arranged).

▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11)

▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (*Hebrews 13:2*).