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The Commission of the Seventy Disciples

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THE COMMISSION GIVEN TO THE SEVENTY DISCIPLES BY JESUS CHRIST

He then sends them out in pairs to canvas the entire Galilean area.

- The job is given to the seventy by the Savior (Mt. 10:1-16):
 1. Their assignment (Mt. 10:1-15)
 - a. Pray before going (Mt. 10:1, 2): Ask the Lord to send more workers to the fields.
 - b. Travel fast and light (Mt. 10:3-7): Don't take money or even sandals.
 - c. Heal the sick, and preach the gospel (Mt. 10:8, 9): Do this in towns that accept you.
 - d. Reject those cities that reject Me (Mt. 10:10-15).
 - (1) Wipe the dust of the city from your feet as a sign of its doom (Mt. 10:10-13).
 - (2) Korazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum have all rejected Jesus (Mt. 10:13-15).
 2. Their authority (Mt. 10:16): Those who accept or reject them also accept or reject Christ!
- The joy felt by the seventy and the Savior (Mt. 10:17-24)
 1. The joy of the seventy (Mt. 10:17-20, 23, 24)
 - a. The passing joy (Mt. 10:17): They are excited because even the demons submit to them in Jesus's name.
 - b. The permanent joy (Mt. 10:18-20, 23, 24): Jesus says there are things even more glorious to rejoice over.
 - (1) Satan's fall from heaven (Mt. 10:18, 19)
 - (2) Their heavenly position (Mt. 10:20): Their names are written in heaven.
 - (3) Their earthly privilege (Mt. 10:23, 24): He says Old Testament prophets and kings wanted to see and hear what they have seen and heard.
 2. The joy of the Savior (Mt. 10:21, 22)
 - a. Because of the Father's revelation to the elect (Mt. 10:21)
 - b. Because of the Father's revelation through the Son (Mt. 10:22): The Father gives the Son authority over everything.