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**The New Testament!**  
**Matthew 10:1-4**  
**The "3" Calls of the**  
**12 Apostles**  
**The call to "A Special Work"!**  
**Matthew 10:1-16**

**Introduction**

*They are first made alive spiritually!*

**Ephesians 2:4-6 (ESV)** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

*Then they become followers of Jesus!*

**Mark 2:13-14 (ESV)** He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. 14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

*And then there are some called to a special work!*

**James 3:1 (ESV)** Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

***Then when God calls a man to a special work apostles {for another time}, prophets, evangelist, pastors and teachers***

1. They were given some does and don'ts  
A difficult and often lonely work

**5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

**Isaiah 53:3 (KJV) He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

Why these does and don'ts?

**Acts 1:8, Matthew 4:23**

2. They were given a message to preach  
**<sup>7</sup> And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'**

**Matthew 10:7, Matthew 3:2, Matthew 4:17**

This is the only gospel-repent, believe and enter into His Kingdom through the narrow gate  
***Matthew 24:14 (KJV) And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.***

Today the kingdom is more than proclaimed, it is here

The gospel good news of the Kingly reign of Jesus is upon us

**Matthew 6:33**

3. We are cautioned about money!  
**<sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. <sup>9</sup> Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. <sup>11</sup> And whatever**

**town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart.**

How do I finance this ministry?

**Acts 20:35**

- a. The gospel is to be offered freely  
**Isaiah 55:1 (ESV) "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**
  - b. God's people should support their ministers  
**<sup>11</sup> And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart.**  
People who have been saved by grace will support their ministers
  - c. Ministers should trust only God for their support
4. What should we expect as we go?  
**<sup>11</sup> And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.**  
As we follow Jesus and labor in the ministry what are we to expect?

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Some people would receive them well

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Sodom and Gomorrah were known for corruption and sexual immorality but the cities that had the gospel preached and rejected it would be treated more severely at judgement J.C. Ryle says, *"Men are apt to forget that it does not require great open sins to be sinned in order to ruin a soul forever. They only have to go on hearing without believing, listening without repenting, going to church without going to Christ, and by and by they will find themselves in hell."*

This is a difficult thing to have to say but it is so true and it disturbs me greatly!

### **Summary**

What a great mandate we have been given

Go into all the world and preach the gospel

Encouraging all to repentance toward God (2 fold-a turning from going our way to going His way and a turning from known and willful sin) and faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross

If it is so important we should listen very carefully to our instructions and to take care as we go out into our mission fields daily!

**2 Corinthians 5:20**