

# Jesus- Handling success.

## Sermon Notes

### March 3, 2019

#### *How should one handle success?*

#### **The assignment to the seventy-two. Luke 10:1-9**

- The mission was to be the forerunners of Jesus. (1)
- Good news is that there are people ready to hear and receive—*"the harvest is plentiful"*. (2)
- Bad news is that there are plenty of adversaries that you will seemingly be very vulnerable to—*"lambs among wolves."* (3)
- They were given travel guidelines with no arrangements. (4-7)
- You too will be given the power to heal. (9)

#### **How to handle rejection. Luke 10:10-16**

- Proclaim that in spite of their rejection, the Kingdom of God is still coming! (11)
- Their rejection leads to their own doom. (12-15)
  - This is something that should grieve our hearts on their behalf.
  - Should lead to us understanding what is at stake—eternity in heaven or hell.
- Remember you are representatives of me (Jesus), so acceptance or rejection is at me not you. (16)
  - Do not take it personal, but realize what rejection does to Jesus' heart.
  - Jesus is honored by your testimony of being aligned with him.

#### **Success comes. Luke 10:17-21**

- They were amazed at the authority they had been given. (17)
  - Demons submitted to them in the name of Jesus.
  - They were pumped at the unforeseen results.
- Jesus celebrates too! (18)

- He envisions Satan's fall.
- Celebrates the authority over the spiritual forces of evil given to this motley crew. (19)
- Jesus cautions them in their elation. (20)
  - They need to keep the perspective of gratefulness, for the authority and power they displayed was not sourced from them.
  - They are blessed to be saved for all of eternity!
- Jesus is celebrating with them but credits the Father not them. (21)
  - He was so pumped he praised God!
  - He knew that the joy of the Father was giving this authority to the unlikely.
  - The unlikely make it more evident that God is the source!

### **Handling success.**

1. Celebrate the moment with pure joy!
2. Be humble. *"Recognizing that God and others are responsible for the achievements in my life."* Gothard
3. Be grateful. Keeping an eternal perspective of all that has done for you.
4. Glorify God by giving attention to him over yourself.