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Matthew 10:1

Authority

- He called together his twelve disciples
 - and gave them authority
 - to drive out evil spirits
 - heal every disease and sickness

Authority

- Jesus has demonstrated his authority over the spiritual and physical realms.
 - He gives that authority to those who follow him.

Apostles

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| • Simon (Peter) | • Thomas |
| • Andrew | • Matthew |
| • James | • James |
| • John | • Thaddaeus |
| • Philip | • Simon |
| • Bartholomew | • Judas |

Apostles

- Church tradition tells us that all except John were martyred.

Apostles

- God works through ordinary, flawed people.
- Jesus' ministry is extended and multiplied through his disciples.

Ministry

- Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.

Ministry

- Preach this message
 - “The kingdom of heaven is near.”
 - heal the sick
 - raise the dead
 - cleanse the leper
 - drive out demons

Provision

- Freely you have received,
 - freely give.
- The gospel is not for sale.

Provision

- Do not take along
 - gold, silver, copper
 - bag
 - extra tunic
 - sandals
 - staff

Provision

- for the worker is worth his keep
 - “food, nourishment, living”
- Their needs would be met by the hospitality and support of those who welcomed them and received their message.

Provision

- search for some worthy person there
 - stay at his house until you leave
- Be content with what God provides.

Provision

- This mission was characterized by simplicity and urgency.
- God is the ultimate resource.

Acceptance

- as you enter the home,
 - give it your greeting
 - if...deserving...let your peace rest on it
 - if...not...let your peace return to you
 - blessing or withdrawal of blessing

Acceptance

- if anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words
 - shake the dust off your feet when you leave

Sent

- Offer yourself to God's mission.
- Proclaim the good news of the kingdom with the authority of Christ.
- Trust God for resources and results.