

PRINCIPLES FOR EFFECTIVE MINISTRY
(Matthew 10:5-15)

- I. Divine COMMISSION (Matt. 10:5a)
 - A. Each was sovereignly CALLED to FOLLOW Jesus
 - B. Jesus sovereignly SENDS them to MINISTER for Him
 - C. Jesus solemnly INSTRUCTED them for this ministry
- II. Central OBJECTIVE (Matt. 10:5b-6)
 - A. Do not take the ROAD to the GENTILES or go to the CITIES of SAMARIA
 - 1. The Apostles were not yet READY to reach such contacts
 - 2. Their ministry was to be within GALILEE
 - 3. It was not yet TIME to LAUNCH such ministry
 - B. To go to the “LOST SHEEP of ISRAEL”
- III. Clear MESSAGE (Matt. 10:7)
 - A. To be proclaimed PUBLICLY and PRIVATELY
 - B. The message of the NEARNESS of the KINGDOM
 - 1. Manifested IMMEDIATELY in CONVERSION
 - 2. Manifested PROGRESSIVELY in CONSECRATION
 - 3. Manifested TRANSITIONALLY in the MILLENNIUM
 - 4. Manifested ULTIMATELY in the NEW heaven and earth

- IV. Confirming CREDENTIALS (Matt. 10:8)
 - A. Performing MIRACLES like those done by CHRIST
 - B. Ministering without CHARGE or COMPENSATION
- V. Confident FAITH (Matt. 10:9-10)
 - A. Prohibited RAISING FUNDS before beginning
 - B. Prohibited making SPECIAL provision of food, clothing, or tools
 - C. Demanded TRUSTING the Lord to PROVIDE
- VI. Settled COMMITMENT (Matt. 10:11)
 - A. Find a PARTICULAR place to minister
 - B. Find someone willing to SUPPORT them in their WORK
 - C. Be CONTENT to remain there until the work is FINISHED
- VII. BLESSING for the Receptive (Matt. 10:12-13a)
 - A. Assume their message will be WELCOMED, and offer GREETING
 - B. If so, let your BLESSING REMAIN upon it
- VIII. CONDEMNATION for the Unreceptive (Matt. 10:13b-15)
 - A. There would be no PEACE for the home of the UNBELIEVING
 - B. CONDEMNATION will fall on the house or city that rejects Christ
 - C. Ministry will FOCUS on the RECEPTIVE (cf. 28:18-20)
 - 1. PREACH the gospel to EVERYONE
 - 2. Invest your TIME in making DISCIPLES