

POWERLINES: Experience Power to Mobilize

LUKE 9:1-9

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God Empowers Every Member to Be Mobilized

1. Take on a Minister's **Commission** (1a, 2a, 6).
2. Look for Opportunities for Christlike **Compassion** (1b, 2b).
3. Guard Your Contentment with **Confidence** (3-4).
4. Be Prepared for Rejecting **Combat** (5-9).

Luke 9:1-9

And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, ²and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.

³And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. ⁴And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart.

⁵And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them."⁶And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. ⁷Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, ⁸by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. ⁹Herod said, "John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he sought to see him.

(ESV).

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What people and/or mission field is the Lord sending you to? How will you take a real step forward to be faithful to His commission?

2. **Read Psalm 33:16-22.** How do we keep this mindset when we are so blessed with many resources and sources of help?

3. **Read Habakkuk 3:17-19.** This prophet writes at a time of setback and defeat. Yet, he feels powerful and hopeful in future ministry. What are some things we can do to follow Habakkuk's example?

Quote for the Week. . .

by Mark Dever



“Testimony is, of course, popular in our postmodern, that’s-good-for-you age. Who would object to your thinking you’ve gotten something good from Christ? But wait and see what happens when you try to move the conversation from what Jesus has done for you to the facts of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and how that all applies to your nonbelieving friend. That’s when you discover that testimony is not necessarily evangelism.”

Mark Dever, *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism*, Crossway, 2007, p. 73-74.