The Gift

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Doing Christianity Together

Luke 10:1-3

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"God's people cannot be shamed into serving God; they need to be challenged."

- Jack Hyles
 - 1. Don't Go At It ALONE

Luke 10:1, After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of Him to every town and place where He was about to go.

Genesis 2:18, The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Ecclesiastes 4:9, Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

4 Reasons It Is Important Having Someone With You When Serving God:

A. You Grow In MATURITY

Proverbs 27:17, As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens

another.

Romans 1:11, I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— 12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

B. You Grow In FRIENDSHIP

1 Thessalonians 5:11, Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

C. You Have A Friend To CELEBRATE With

Psalm 126:3, The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Psalm 95:1, Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

D. You Can <u>PURSUE</u> Bigger Things

1 Corinthians 3:9, For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

Romans 15:5, May the God Who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, 6 so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let those be thy choicest companions who have made Christ their chief companion."

- Thomas Brooks

2.There is <u>PLENTY</u> To Do – The <u>MORE</u> The <u>MERRIER</u>

Luke 10:2, He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.

Matthew 9:35, Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When He saw the

crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

1 Kings 19:18, Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

"Those that are good ministers themselves wish that there were more good ministers, for there is work for more."
- Matthew Henry Commentary

1 Peter 4:8, Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

3.lt Will Be An ADVENTURE

Luke 10:3, Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

2 Corinthians 11:24, Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. 27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

Luke 10:21, At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what You were pleased to do.

"He who does not serve God where he is would not serve God anywhere else."

- Charles Spurgeon