

## Matthew 10 • Instructions for Service

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1. (v.1-4) An authentic calling in the Lord is characterized by a period of **preparation** and **discipleship** to **equip** those being prepared for service.
2. (v.5-10) The foundational Apostles were called to **duplicate** His ministry in the very mission field in which He was working.
3. (v.11-15) The initial work of the foundational Apostles was first exclusively focused on **Israel**.
4. (v.16-20) Jesus not only provided instructions for His **time** but for the **future**.
5. (v.21-23) Christ's instructions involve preaching **the Gospel** and being a **testimony** to the whole world, but with even more fervor in **the Last Days**.
6. (v.24-36) The instructions for the present:
  - a. (v.24-25) The **Certainty**: Just as He is **persecuted**, so will His messengers.
  - b. (v.26-31) The **Confidence: People** will physically attack the messenger but have no power over the soul; **God** is concerned with both the body and the soul.
  - c. (v.34-36) The **Conflict**: It assuredly arises from making a **stand** for one's faith in Christ.
  - d. (v.32-33) The **Confession**: Those working for Christ instead of themselves maintain their **testimony** in and of Christ.
  - e. "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot **keep** to gain that which he cannot **lose**" – Jim Elliot
7. (v.37-42) The true messenger is measured by their priority where the **cross** is concerned.

### **Overall Application:**

- His servant's **position**. (v.24-25)
- His servant's **protection**. (v.26-32)
- His servant's **privilege**. (v.33-38)
- His servant's **promise**. (v.39)
- His servant's **practice**. (v.40-42)