



Christ's Perfect Provision

When Our Preparation Isn't Enough

L u k e 9 : 1 - 6

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1. **Expect** _____ **for Which You'll** _____

(vv. 1-2)

Luke 9:1 And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, **2** and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. **3** And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. **4** And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. **5** And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." **6** And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. (ESV)

2. **Expect** _____ **in Which You'll** _____

(vv. 3-4)

3. **Expect** _____ **on Which You'll** _____

(vv. 4-6)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Acts 9:15**. Knowing something of Saul/Paul's background (cf. vv.4-5) imagine what a jarring revelation this description of his calling must have been to everyone. What aspects of your calling (at work, home, or church) tend to give rise to feelings of being personally inadequate, incapable, or underclubbed?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 2:14 – 3:5**. Describe the associated dangers of not finding this proper balance regarding "confidence" and "sufficiency." In other words, what happens when you fail to have the confidence of 3:4 or, on the other hand, you fail to keep in mind your personal insufficiency (2:16b, 3:5a)?
3. Read **Judges 6:11-16 & 7:2**. What are some of the things with which God has blessed you, that can become something you wrongly credit for your successes?
4. Read **Psalms 33:16-22** and **Jeremiah 9:23-24**. How does one practically keep this mindset, especially when blessed with many temporal resources and provisions?
5. Read **Habakkuk 3:17-19**. When you experience setbacks or defeats in your work, your home, or your ministry, what are some of the things that must be remembered to actually follow Habakkuk's example in these verses?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

September 28th

Is. 13-15 & Gal. 6

September 29th

Is. 16-18 & Eph. 1

September 30th

Is. 19-21 & Eph. 2

October 1st

Is. 22-23 & Eph. 3

October 2nd

Is. 24-26 & Eph. 4

October 3rd

Is. 27-28 & Eph. 5

October 4th

Is. 29-30 & Eph. 6

October 5th

Is. 31-33 & Phil. 1

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 07-09 – **Living Life with the Hope of a New Purpose**

Msg. 07-23 – **Attempting Great Things for God**

Msg. 05-60 – **Recalling Our Primary Earthly Task**

Msg. 12-34 – **Mary: God's Humble Teenager**

Msg. 07-21 – **Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall**

Msg. 04-25 – **A Brief Study of When God Breaks the Rules He Made**

Msg. 0131 - 0134 – **Taking Christ to Work** (a four-part series on vocation)

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Barclay, William B. **The Secret of Contentment**. P & R Publishing, 2011.

Blomberg, Craig L. **Neither Poverty Nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions**. InterVarsity, 1999.

Burroughs, Jeremiah. **The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1981.

Chantry, Walter. **Signs of the Apostles: Observations on Pentecostalism Old & New**. Banner of Truth, 1973.

Gruden Wayne. **Business for the Glory of God: The Bible on the Moral Goodness of Business**. Crossway, 2003.

Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life**. Word Publishing, 1998.

Hodges, Charles D. **Good Mood, Bad Mood: Help and Hope for Depression**. Shepherd's Press, 2012.

MacArthur, John. **Anxious for Nothing: God Cares for the Cares of Your Soul**. Victor Books, 2006.

_____. **Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness**. Thomas Nelson, 2002.

Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. IVP, 1981.

Sherman, Doug and William Hendricks. **Your Work Matters to God**. NavPress, 1987.

Stowell, Joseph. **Perilous Pursuits: Our Obsession with Significance**. Moody Press, 1994.

Wiersbe, Warren. **Living with the Giants: The Lives of Great Men of the Faith**. Baker Books, 1993.

Woodbridge, John D., ed. **More Than Conquerors: Portraits of Believers from All Walks of Life**. Moody, 1992.