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1. They were charged to preach that the kingdom of God is at hand.

2. They were given authority to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the leper and cast out unclean spirits.

3. They were directed to go only to the lost sheep of Israel and not the Gentiles or Samaritans. They were grouped two by two. The Significance of the Mission of the Twelve Jesus trained his disciples before he sent them out on mission to practice what they had learnt. It is necessary for those called of God to receive training before they start their ministry. Jesus gave his disciples authority over unclean spirits and to heal the sick. The disciples made use of it and it worked for them. For those who are called by God to succeed in ministry, they must be endowed with the gifts and the power of God. Jesus warned the disciples that the power was given to them free and they should freely make use of it. We should learn that God's services are to be rendered free of charge.

The Mission of the Seventy (Luke10:1-24)

Only the Gospel according to Luke recorded a separate account of the mission of the seventy disciples. According to Luke, Jesus appointed Seventy other disciples and sent them two by two ahead of him to every place where he was about to go.

The Significance of the Mission of the Seventy

The disciples in the mission of the seventy cast out the evil spirit through the name of Jesus. Faithful Christians are doing the same today. They are performing miracles, signs and wonders in the name of Jesus, in Churches, Crusades, revivals, Christian retreats and meetings. The disciples were obedient to Jesus' instruction and they were able to cast out demons. When we obey instructions of God as written in the Bible, it shall be well with us. We must also learn to obey constituted authorities like religious leaders, parents and teachers in order to achieve success. The mission of the twelve disciples represents the mission to the Jews, while the mission of the seventy represents the mission to the Gentiles (foreigner). God wants us to reach out to all the people in the world.