

Matthew 10:9-15

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles (continued)



Verse	Details	Keywords	Revelation	Application
Matthew 10:9	Jesus instructs the disciples not to take gold, silver, or copper in their belts.	Gold, silver, copper – material wealth; Belt (zōnē) – money bag.	Dependence on God, not possessions, marks true ministry.	Trust God to provide instead of relying on stored wealth.
Matthew 10:10	Take no bag for the journey, or extra shirt, sandals, or a staff; the worker is worth his keep.	Bag (pēra) – traveler's bag; Worth (axios) – deserving, due value.	God's servants should live simply, relying on His provision through those they serve.	Live with contentment and let God supply needs through His people.
Matthew 10:11	Whatever town or village you enter, search for a worthy person and stay at their house until you leave.	Worthy (axios) – fitting, suitable, receptive.	Ministry flourishes where hospitality and openness to the gospel exist.	Seek and invest in receptive people who open doors for ministry.
Matthew 10:12	As you enter the home, give it your greeting.	Greeting (aspasmos) – blessing of peace, shalom.	The gospel brings peace to homes and relationships.	Bring Christ's peace into every place you enter.
Matthew 10:13	If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if not, let your peace return to you.	Peace (eirēnē) – wholeness, harmony, blessing.	God's peace rests where it is welcomed but is not lost when rejected.	Offer blessing freely, knowing rejection cannot take away what Christ has given you.

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Matthew 10:14	If anyone does not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.	Shake the dust – symbolic act of disassociation; Welcome (dechomai) – receive openly.	Rejection of the message should not discourage; it is a sign of their choice, not your failure.	Stay faithful in witness and move on when the message is rejected.
Matthew 10:15	Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.	Sodom and Gomorrah – infamous cities judged for wickedness; Judgment (krisis) – divine justice.	Rejecting Christ's message is graver than any past sin and brings greater judgment.	Take the gospel seriously and urge others to respond while there is time.

Summary Revelation

Jesus sends His disciples out with **radical dependence on God, trust in hospitality, and a message of peace.** Their mission shows that **some will receive and be blessed, while others will reject and face judgment.** The call is clear: **go faithfully, give freely, and leave the results to God.**

Cross References

Matthew 10:9

Do not take gold, silver, or copper in your belts.

- **Cross References**
 - Luke 9:3 – “Take nothing for the journey—no staff, bag, bread, or money.”
 - Luke 22:35 – Jesus reminds them of being sent without purse or bag and lacking nothing.
 - 1 Timothy 6:7–8 – Be content with food and clothing.
 - **Theme:** Ministry depends on God’s provision, not personal wealth.
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Matthew 10:10

No bag, extra shirt, sandals, or staff; the worker is worth his keep.

- **Cross References**
 - 1 Corinthians 9:14 – The Lord commanded those who preach the gospel to receive their living from it.
 - Galatians 6:6 – Those taught the word should share with their teacher.
 - Deuteronomy 25:4 – Do not muzzle an ox while it treads grain (Paul applies this principle to ministry).
 - **Theme:** God provides for His workers through the generosity of others.
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Matthew 10:11

Find a worthy person in each town and stay there.

- **Cross References**
 - Luke 10:5–7 – Instructions to remain in one house, receiving hospitality.

- Acts 16:14–15 – Lydia opens her home to Paul and his companions.
 - **Theme:** Ministry flourishes through the hospitality of receptive people.
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Matthew 10:12

As you enter the home, give it your greeting.

- **Cross References**
 - Luke 10:5 – “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’”
 - John 14:27 – Jesus gives His peace.
 - **Theme:** The gospel brings peace into homes and relationships.
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Matthew 10:13

If the home is deserving, let your peace rest; if not, let it return to you.

- **Cross References**
 - Isaiah 55:11 – God’s word does not return empty.
 - Luke 10:6 – Peace will rest on a person of peace, otherwise return to you.
 - **Theme:** God’s blessings rest where they are welcomed, but rejection does not diminish His peace.
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Matthew 10:14

If not welcomed, shake the dust off your feet as you leave.

- **Cross References**
 - Mark 6:11; Luke 9:5 – Parallel instructions to shake off the dust.

- Acts 13:50–51 – Paul and Barnabas shake the dust off their feet in Antioch.
 - **Theme:** Rejection of the gospel is their responsibility, not the messenger's failure.
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Matthew 10:15

It will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

- **Cross References**
 - Genesis 19:24–25 – Judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah.
 - Matthew 11:23–24 – Capernaum will be judged more harshly than Sodom for rejecting Jesus.
 - Hebrews 10:29 – Greater punishment for rejecting Christ's message.
- **Theme:** Rejecting the gospel brings greater judgment than even the worst sins of the past.