



"Empowered by His Name"

St. Luke 10: 1 -3; 17 - 19(NKJV)

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- On January 1st we declared that the word empowered would be our theme for 2007.
- Empowered is defined as *to give power, authority or influence for a specific task*.
- It is important to note that God is the **source** of our power.
- Paul writes in Romans 13:1, "For there is no power but of God".
- Over the next several weeks we will discuss how the Lord empowers us as well as what He is empowering us to do.
- Let us examine how we are empowered by His name.
- Through His name, we can do "exceedingly abundantly, above all that we ask or think".
- As we consider the importance and influence of names, let us look at an example both in the business and the political world.
- In the business community, companies go to great lengths to protect the names of their products.
- When we hear or see the names: Coca-Cola, Microsoft, or Xerox, we know the products that these names are associated with.
- We form mental images by just hearing the names of these products.
- In politics, we are told that there are certain names that have great influence.
- That is why political endorsements in politics are sought after. Some candidates believe that if the so called "right people" are on their side, they will have a better chance of prevailing.
- However, to those of us who are Believers, we understand that the source of our power does not come from politicians or business trademarks, but as David says in Psalm 121:2, "my help cometh from the Lord".
- We are empowered not by the names of men or products, but by the name of the Lord.

- Proverb 18:10 tells us that “the name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it, and is safe”.
- In our scriptural text we have a wonderful example of Jesus empowering seventy of His followers to go out and do the extraordinary.
- They were warned that their mission would not be easy. In verse 3 Jesus says to them, “I send you forth as lambs among wolves”.
- When they returned they were very excited about what they had discovered on their journey. They realized that devils were subject unto them through the power of the name of Jesus.
- Jesus then tells them something in verse 19 that would really blow their minds...

“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you”.

- There are three key points in our text that we should always remember:
 1. There is power in the name of Jesus.
 2. We have been given the authority to use His name to do some extraordinary things.
 3. Satan has already been defeated.

Remember verse 18, *“I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven”.*