

Matthew 10:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Analysis

The command 'Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils' commissions the disciples to do what they had seen Jesus do. The list moves from lesser to greater miracles, demonstrating kingdom authority over disease, uncleanness, death, and demons—reversing the curse. The principle 'freely ye have received, freely give' establishes grace-based ministry. They received authority as gift, not achievement, so must minister without charging for spiritual service.

Historical Context

These miracles authenticated the gospel message as from God. The 'freely received, freely give' principle doesn't forbid ministers receiving support (1 Corinthians 9:14) but prohibits selling spiritual gifts or making ministry a business. The gospel is grace, not transaction.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does the principle 'freely received, freely give' shape your approach to ministry?
2. Which of these four ministry activities has God called you to exercise?

Interlinear Text

ἀσθενοῦντας θεραπεύετε λεπροὺς καθαρίζετε νεκροὺς
the sick Heal the lepers cleanse the dead
G770 G2323 G3015 G2511 G3498

ἐγείρετε δαιμόνια ἐκβάλλετε· δωρεὰν ἐλάβετε δωρεὰν
raise devils cast out freely ye have received freely
G1453 G1140 G1544 G1432 G2983 G1432

δότε

give
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 3:6 (Resurrection): Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Acts 4:30 (Parallel theme): By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Matthew 10:1 (Parallel theme): And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Luke 10:9 (Parallel theme): And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Mark 16:18 (Parallel theme): They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

