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Luke 10:19 KJV, 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.

Wow! What an exciting and empowering verse. How thrilling to consider the possibilities for kingdom service and conquest this verse authorizes—and the equipping God herein provides. Yet, immediately, Jesus adds this vital warning.

10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Rejoice not? You've got to be kidding!

When looking at a beautiful Florida orange tree, we naturally tend to focus on the fruit, not the root. When 'finding the spirits subject', we excitedly tend to focus our attention on that ministry _expression and power. Jesus is saying don't let the horizontal distract from the vertical. We could similarly say: rejoice not that the gift of healing is operating... rejoice not that you prophecy, etc, but rejoice that you have a covenant with Father, a connection— focus on

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the relationship (not its effect).

If you or I suddenly discovered a “fountain of youth” in the back yard, or a huge money tree filled with Benjamin’s... we would immediately invest in a higher fence, bigger dog, bigger gun... Life would certainly begin to revolve around that discovery. It would captivate our attention. God is speaking to the worshiper- connection in our hearts saying don’t allow your passion to get distracted.

As with the orange tree, the root is more important than the fruit. If that vital connection is intently guarded and cared for, the fruit will naturally be the enjoyed result. Without the root, the fruit is a non- issue.

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