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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this weeks SelahGram. Karyn and I pray it causes you to pause and ponder: Selah.

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Rejoice NOT!



The 10th chapter of Luke is seen as a marvelous evangelistic chapter detailing the commissioning of the 70. *"After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where*

He Himself was about to go." **Luke 10:1**

Jesus, however, adds an interesting but often unnoticed balance to the overall perspective with a striking concluding statement. After 16 verses of instruction, we find this result.

Luke 10:17-20 *Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, ... "behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*

This is amazing. Despite the remarkable result they enjoyed, Jesus immediately challenges them, "Rejoice not!" You'd think He would have been as excited as they. Today this might simply be called a **testimony service!** Today we'd write books, hit the Christian television circuit and do all we could to maximize and market the moment.



Additionally...

Jesus is indeed saying that when the vertical relationship (worship) is the priority and the heart- focus, the horizontal manifestation will be the natural result.

Does this diminish the importance of evangelism? Is Jesus against testifying? Does it reduce the value of

Jesus though offers an immediate warning against the horizontal distracting from the vertical. He declares, 'yes, I've given you authority and power but don't focus on that, don't rejoice over that. Rejoice instead because you have a relationship with Father and this is evidence! Stay engaged with the true reason for excitement-- your vertical connection!

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the horizontal manifestation? **Not at all! It simply prioritizes.** Selah.

Today is indeed a ***leap-day!***

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