

BAGGAGE



"Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics."

Luke 9

Jesus traveled light

He commanded his disciples to do the same.

When we are about the business of the Kingdom we do not need gadgets and trinkets and tons of equipment.

We need Truth.

The Living Word ruling our lives.

The Spirit of God lighting our way.

"Take nothing for your journey," means get rid of the baggage.

Too much stuff

"The more stuff, the more status" has been the theme since the dawn of history. What a price to pay for status!

When we're surrounded by stuff we cannot see the road ahead. Our minds are cluttered and confused.

Too much doctrine

Believers love to embellish their faith in Jesus with elaborate doctrines that "explain everything". Pretty soon the doctrines take over, and Jesus is left behind.

Jesus keeps it simple. We don't need to add Moses and Elijah and Aristotle and Luther and Calvin to improve on his gospel.

Jesus is Lord of Scripture and King of Truth. We don't need to systemize his teaching; we simply need to walk in it.

"Grace theology", "Eternal Security", "Gifts of the Spirit", "Healing", "The Sabbath" and all our other doctrines become idols side-by-side with Jesus.

And how we fight to defend our idols!

Too much politics

If we live in a democracy we do our duty as citizens and vote. But we see all governments for what they are: something less than the Kingdom of God.

We do not compromise with evil in order to advance a political agenda. We do not waste time trying to impose a "Christian Culture" on a pagan world.

Our focus is the Kingdom, to live it, proclaim it, and welcome others into it.

"Take nothing for your journey."

If we follow Jesus, we travel light.

If we travel light, we are sustained by the power of God.

When we are sustained by the power of God, we are the Light of the World.

Prayer- Lord help us to get rid of our baggage. Help us to leave the stuff, the status, the theology, the opinions, and the politics behind. All we need for this journey is you. Rule our hearts your living words. You alone are our light, our life, our strength on this journey.

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