

12. Release With God's Direction And Timing

- Acts 13:2, NIV – (2) *While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."*

13. Release With Prayer And Fasting

- Acts 13:3, NIV – (3) *So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.*

14. Release With The Leaders' Blessing

- Acts 13:3, NIV – (3) *So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.*
- 1 Timothy 5:22, NIV – (22) *Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.*

15. Release With The Fullness OF The Spirit

- Acts 13:9, NIV – (9) *Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said...*

16. Release With An Expectation Of God's Confirmation

- Acts 14:3, NIV – (3) *So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders.*

17. Release With An Assignment

- Acts 14:26-28, NIV – (26) *From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. (27) On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (28) *And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.**

SUMMARY

- Our victories NEXT year, depend on the choices we make THIS year

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Part 8 – The Releasing Church

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REVIEW – SHEAR FORCE

- A strategy to develop people into healthy, mature, passionate, active workers for the Kingdom of God:
 - Salvation, Healing, Equipping, Activation, and Release

IF WE DON'T RELEASE

- Frustration
- Indignation
- Suspicion
- Stagnation
- Migration

“RELEASE” DEFINED

- Dictionary Definition – “To free from confinement or restraint, to allow to be known, to relinquish, to permit, to discharge, to issue, to surrender to someone else”
- Ministry Definition – “To give a person the opportunity to minister with the degree of permission, encouragement, resources and delegated authority necessary to effectively and joyfully fulfill the assignment or task”

RELEASE IS NOT ...

1. Freedom From Accountability = Independence → Interdependence
2. Freedom To Do Whatever You Want = Lawlessness → Cooperation

INSIGHTS FROM BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF RELEASING

A. Luke 10:1-20 – The Releasing Of The Seventy Two

1. Release With Spiritual Authority

- Luke 10:1, NIV – (1) *After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.*

- Appoint = “anadeiknumi” = “to lift up and show, to elevate in authority”
- Luke 10:17, NIV – (17) *The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”*
- “Submit” = “hupotasso” = “to place under, to subject to, to put under authority”

2. Release With Apostolic Authority

- Luke 10:1, NIV – (1) *After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.*
- Sent = “apostello_” = “to apostle, to send out with divine authority and purpose”
- Luke 10:18-19, NIV – (18) *He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. (19) *I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.**
- Literally = “I was seeing [present tense] Satan fall like lightning”

3. Release With Others (Team Ministry)

- Luke 10:1, NIV – (1) *After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.*
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, NIV – (9) *Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: (10) If one falls down, his friend can help him up. ... (12) Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. ...*

4. Release With Strategy

- Luke 10:1, NIV – (1) *After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.*

5. Release With A Harvest Mindset

- Luke 10:2, NIV – (2) *He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”*

6. Release With Clarity

- Luke 10:3-16, NIV – (3) *Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. (4) Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.*

7. Release With Power

- Luke 10:9, NIV – (9) *Heal the sick who are there and tell them, The kingdom of God is near you.’*

8. Release With Representation

- Luke 10:16, NIV – (16) *“He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”*

9. Release With Accountability

- Luke 10:17, NIV – (17) *The seventy-two returned with joy and said ...*

10. Release With Security

- Luke 10:17, NIV – (17) *The seventy-two returned with joy and said ...*

B. Acts 13:1-14:28 - The Releasing Of The Apostolic Team

11. Release With Confidence

- Acts 13:1, NIV – (1) *In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.*