

THE BOOK OF ACTS

“To Do and To Teach”

Teaching 1: Introduction

WELCOME: Our first Teaching is all about understanding. This can no longer be pushed to the side!

Proverbs 4:7 (AMP) – ⁷“The beginning of wisdom is: Get [skillful and godly] wisdom [it is preeminent]! And with all your acquiring, get understanding [actively seek **spiritual discernment**, **mature comprehension**, and **logical interpretation**].

From Holy Spirit to His Church:

“In a world that wants you not to think; you must get back to using your G-d given mind!” The days of Holy Spirit striving (**Not talking about New Believers**) with His Church to Repent and Follow Jesus are done! 5787 ushered in the Year of the Crown: **The Season To Do and To Teach!**

Revelation: John The Baptist even stopped preaching Repentance when Jesus arrived! He expects us to Believe Him and Follow!

John the Baptist Preached:

Matthew 3:2 (AMP) – ²Repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance; seek God’s purpose for your life], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Jesus Taught:

Luke 17:20-21 (AMP) – ²⁰Now having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He replied, “The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed *or* with a visible display; ²¹nor will people say, ‘Look! Here it is!’ or, ‘There it is!’ For the kingdom of God is among you [because of My presence].”

Understanding: It is now time To Do and To Teach!

ONLY WHAT G-D SAID IS TRUTH.

- You can no longer allow Social Media to be your truth.
- You can no longer allow Google to be your truth.
- You can no longer allow movies and series to be your truth.
- You can no longer allow a single person to be your source of truth.

John 17:14-17 (AMP) – ¹⁴ I have given to them Your word [the message You gave Me]; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world *and* do not belong to the world, just as I am not of the world *and* do not belong to it. ¹⁵ I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but that You keep them *and* protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth [set them apart for Your purposes, make them holy]; Your word is truth.

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LUKE THE PHYSICIAN - THE HISTORIAN:



Key: Luke was a Gentile. The title given was “**Evangelist**”. He provides us with a more complete history than any other Gospel. Luke had gathered a tremendous number of “**eyewitnesses**” while traveling with Paul.

- **The Gospel of Luke** is recording how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of scripture by His deeds and His life, written 58-60 AD.

- **Luke records** twenty miracles of Jesus, as well as twenty-three parables, of which eighteen only appear in his account.
- **The Book of Acts** focuses on Holy Spirit empowering Believers to live Holy lives and To Do and To Teach just as the Apostle and Disciples before them did; written 61 AD.
- **The Book of Acts** is the story of the First Century Church (The Blueprint for today).
- **The Acts of the Apostles** were a model of what Jesus began To Do and To Teach.
- **Luke intended his Gospel** to be available to the public, specifically the Gentiles.

KEY: Acts is a continuing report from the Gospel of Luke, penned by Luke the physician to **Theophilus**, as an historian of all the things that **Jesus began To Do and To Teach**.

THEOPHILUS: THE RECIPIENT

Luke addresses him as "most excellent Theophilus" (Luke 1:3) - The WHY

Luke 1:3 (AMP)- ³ it seemed fitting for me as well, [and so I have decided] after having carefully searched out *and* investigated all the events accurately, from the *very* beginning, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus;

Luke addresses him again, O Theophilus (Acts 1:1) – The PURPOSE

Acts 1:1 (AMP) – ¹ The first account I made, Theophilus, was [a continuous report] about all the things that Jesus began to do and to teach.

Do-(Greek)-*poieo*-to bring forth.

Teach-(Greek)-*didasko*-to hold discourse with others in order to instruct them. To Instill doctrine. Be a teacher.

WHY THEOPHILUS?

Who Was Theophilus?

Name meaning: The Greek name *Theophilus* means "**friend of G-d**" or "lover/beloved of G-d". Some theologians and scholars have speculated that "**Theophilus**" can refer to "any friend of G-d". Today most go with the belief that

this was a **real person of high standing**. As always, when the Bible does not say, I do not say.

- In his Gospel, Luke addressed Theophilus as “**most excellent**”, which is a Roman title of respect and possibly of official importance.
- 1st Luke wrote as a Historian to Theophilus to record what Jesus began to do and to teach (**Acts 1:1**).
- 2nd is what Jesus continued to do by HOLY SPIRIT working through His Apostles and all those who received their teaching and believed.

Question: When did Jesus tell the *Apostles* to go Do and Teach as He did?

Answer:

Luke 9:1-3 (AMP) – ¹ Now Jesus called together the twelve [disciples] and **gave them [the right to exercise] power and authority** over all the demons and to heal diseases. ² Then He sent them out [on a brief journey] to preach the kingdom of God and to perform healing. ³ And He said to them, “Take nothing for *your* journey [that might encumber you]—neither a walking stick, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not *even* have two tunics apiece.



Note: They took nothing but Faith in What Jesus said!

Question: When did Jesus tell *all Believers* to go Do and Teach as He did?

Answer:

Luke 10:1-4 (AMP) – ¹ Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them out ahead of Him, two by two, into every city and place where He was about to go. ² He was saying to them, “The harvest is abundant [for there are many who need to hear the good news about salvation], but **the workers [those available to proclaim the message of salvation]** are few. Therefore, [prayerfully] ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest. ³ Go your way; listen carefully: I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not carry a money belt, a provision bag, or [extra] sandals; and do not greet anyone along the way [who would delay you].

THE SAME RESULTS AS THE APOSTLES:

Luke 10:17-19 (AMP) – ¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” ¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like [a flash of] lightning. ¹⁹ Listen carefully: **I have given you authority [that you now possess] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and [the ability to exercise authority] over all the power of the enemy (Satan);** and nothing will [in any way] harm you.



Note: Everyone, **those available to proclaim the message of salvation**, was given the same model - **TO DO AND TO TEACH**.

REMEMBER: THE UPPER ROOM HAS NOT HAPPENED YET! THEY WERE WALKING IN DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM JESUS CHRIST DIRECTLY!

- These first Disciples of Jesus did not have the Holy Spirit.
- They walked by Faith in what Jesus said alone.

Main Teaching Themes:

- Sovereignty of G-d.
 - Redemption.
 - Revelation and Authority.
 - Holy Spirit sent by the Father.
- Church Origin.
 - Empowered by Holy Spirit.
 - All that believe receive Holy Spirit.
- Discipleship.
 - Reproduction and Multiplication.
 - First to the Jews then to the Samaritans and then to the Gentiles.



TO DO AND TO TEACH

How Have You Multiplied The Word In Your World?

The End