

May 24, 2020 - Prayer to Empower

Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:12-26

1) The first thing the disciples did was obey Jesus.

a) Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4

1. Luke 24:52-53 and Acts 1:12-13

a. Those who joined together in prayer were (V.14)...

b. The 120 (V.15) would have been all of them plus...

b) For us to be living spiritually in tune with our Lord, we must live in obedience to Him and to His word.

1. John 14:21

a. He will not entrust new responsibilities to us if we are not being faithful to what He has already given us to do.

(1) The parable of the talents - Matthew 25:14-29.

2) The second thing the disciples did was pray.

a) They were not instructed to pray and worship while they waited.

1. John B. Polhill - "There is no effective witness without the Spirit, and the way to spiritual empowerment is to wait in prayer."

b) Whenever we are waiting for a word, guidance, inspiration or action from or by the Lord, the **ONLY** right way to wait is to keep obeying AND to be in continual prayer and worship.

1. Jeremiah 29:13

2. 2 Chronicles 7:14

The disciples were waiting for God's Holy Spirit to come to empower them to be the Lord's witnesses.

We are waiting for our Lord to return for us!

May we continue to faithfully obey and pray till then!