

Stewardship #4 Principle of Multiplication

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Luke 9:12-17 NKJV

12 When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." **13** But He said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people." **14** For there were about five thousand men. Then He said to His disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty." **15** And they did so, and made them all sit down. **16** Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. **17** So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.

1. Principle: Something must be blessed before it can multiply

Ex 23:19 NKJV

19 The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.

Rom 11:16 NKJV

16 For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

Rom 11:16 NCV

16 If the first piece of bread is offered to God, then the whole loaf is made holy. If the roots of a tree are holy, then the tree's branches are holy too.

2. Principle: Finances over & above the tithe must be given if they are to multiply.

Matt 25:14-19 NKJV

14 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. **15** And to one he gave five talents, to

another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

2 Cor 9:6-8 NIV

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

3. Principle: God will supply you seed for multiplication

2 Cor 9:10-11 NKJV

10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.