

THE BLESSED LIFE | Week 4

The Principles of Multiplication

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.

Two Principles of Multiplication

1. It has to be blessed before it can multiply.
2. It has to be given away before it can multiply.

Three Principles for Getting Your Finances in Order

1. **Get out of debt.**
2. **Don't manipulate.**
3. **Give.**

DISCUSS & APPLY

These questions can be used for personal study and/or in a Small Group format. We'd love to hear how you are putting them to use, so let us know at smallgroups@mannachurch.org.

1. As Pastor Robert shared the story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, did anything new stand out to you? Share.
2. Have you ever seen the principles of multiplication at work in your life?
3. What does it mean to have our money blessed by Jesus and shared with others? What would that look like in our lives?
4. Do you feel like God is concerned with your provision and your needs? Why or why not?
5. What are some practical ways we can be better stewards and givers of our treasure and resources?
6. What do you feel the Holy Spirit has been saying to you during the course of this series?