



THE *Blessed* LIFE

The Miracle of Multiplication

The image features a dark blue, almost black, background. At the bottom, there is a horizontal splash of water, rendered in a lighter blue color, with several droplets and ripples. Scattered throughout the background are numerous small, glowing blue particles or bubbles, some of which are out of focus, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

Luke 9:12-17

Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.” He replied, “You give them something to eat.” They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.” (About five thousand men were there.)

Luke 9:12-17

But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

Matthew 14:21

The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.



2 Principles of Multiplication

1. It has to be blessed before it can multiply.

- The tithe belongs to God.
- If we bring it to God then He blesses it.
- The first fruits has the power to bless the rest.
- Some people give but it's never multiplied because it's not the tithe, therefore it's not blessed.

2 Principles of Multiplication

2. It has to be given away before it can be multiplied.
 - Don't eat the blessing!
 - Jesus blessed it but the disciples gave it away.
 - Multiplication comes when we give out of the rest.

2 Principles of Multiplication

- Never judge your situation in the light of your resources.
- Put yourself in position for God to do something big.
- Accept God's invitation to participate.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 NASB

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

John 12:1-6

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom He had raised from the dead. So they gave a supper for Him there. Martha was serving, and Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very expensive perfume of pure nard, and she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair, and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, the

John 12:1-6

one who was going to betray Him, said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and [the money] given to the poor?” Now he said this, not because he cared about the poor [for he had never cared about them], but because he was a thief; and since he had the money box [serving as treasurer for the twelve disciples], he used to pilfer what was put into it.

Luke 16:11

“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?”

2 Chronicles 16:9 NLT

The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth, in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

Recap

1. God wants to bless us through multiplication.
2. It has to be blessed before it can multiply.
3. It has to be given away before it can be multiplied.



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