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Sermon Series: Money Matters

Today's Sermon: Multiplication

Scriptures: Luke 9:10-17; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Matthew 25:14-29

The Big Idea: We can be generous with our time; talents; treasure; love; patience and what we give away we never lose, in fact God multiplies it.

Luke 9:10-17 (NKJV)

Feeding the Five Thousand

10 And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. 11 But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing. 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 Truths to Multiplication

God's work our hands: Jesus said you give them something to eat... v13

1. Something must be blessed first before it can multiply or in other words it has to be given to the Lord first.

Then He took the five loaves and the fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them... v16

2. Only what is given away can multiply.

... and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. V16b

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The difference between tithing and giving: Tithing is returning to God what is His and giving is an offering above the tithe.

God loves a cheerful giver:
2 Corinthians 9:6-10 (AMP)

6 Now [remember] this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows [a]generously [that blessings may come to others] will also reap [b]generously [and be blessed]. 7 Let each one give [thoughtfully and with purpose] just as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver [and delights in the one whose heart is in his gift]. 8 And God is able to make all grace [every favor and earthly blessing] come in abundance to you, so that you may always [under all circumstances, regardless of the need] have complete sufficiency in everything [being completely self-sufficient in Him], and have an abundance for every good work and act of charity. 9 As it is written and forever remains written, "He [the benevolent and generous person] scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, His righteousness endures forever!" 10 Now He who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing [that is, your resources] and increase the harvest of your righteousness [which shows itself in active goodness, kindness, and love].

-This is Breakthrough

- The Power of Offerings

Jesus parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-29

1 - Steward = manger received 5 talents which equals \$ 82, 5000

1 - Steward = manger received 2 talents = \$33,000

1- Steward = manager received 1 talent = \$16,500

Malachi 3:8

... tithes and offerings. God wants to bless and multiply our finances -- just as He blessed and multiplied the two fish and the five loaves.

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- What we give away is never lost!

Luke 6:38 AMP

Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure -- pressed down, shaken together, and running over (with no space left for more). For with the standard of measurement you use (when you do good to others), it will be measured to you in return.

Action Step: This week start being generous with your time, talent, treasure, love and patience and watch how God multiplies it for eternity.

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