

Talk It Over with God:

- Thank God for the blessings He has given you as a result of your tithing and offerings.
- Tell God your struggles with tithing. Ask Him to help you be more diligent with tithing and managing your finances, resources and time.
- Commit to God that you will give to him the first fruits of your labor. Commit to making the changes necessary to make that happen.
- Ask God to help you impact those around you in a positive way for generations to come as a result of your tithing.
- Confess those areas of your life where you are unclean. Ask for God's forgiveness and to cleanse you.
- Ask God to show you what He wants you to give and who He wants you to give it to. Commit to carrying out your act of giving.
- Ask God to give you opportunities to meet the needs of others. Commit to making the most of these opportunities.

The Principles of Multiplication

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

Genesis 4:3-5 NASB

³So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.

⁴Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;

⁵but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

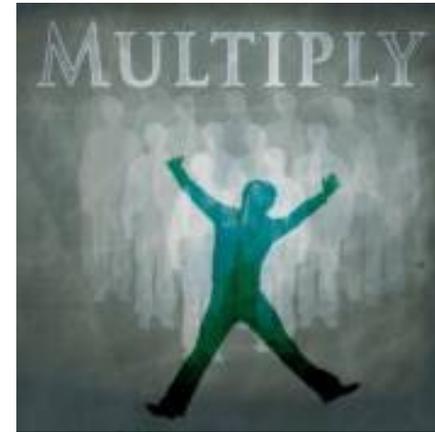
Exodus 23:19 NKJV

The first of the first fruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God. God will never be on second only first!

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Week 1 God Must Be First & Principles of Multiplication

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Malachi 3:10 NIV

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Exodus 13:11-15 NASB

¹¹"Now when the LORD brings you to the land of the Canaanite, as He swore to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you,

¹²you shall devote to the LORD the first offspring of every womb, and the first offspring of every beast that you own; the males belong to the LORD.

¹³"But every first offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

¹⁴"And it shall be when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' then you shall say to him, 'With a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.'

¹⁵'It came about, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn

Read Exodus 13:1-15

- In what ways are you unclean? How can you become clean with God?

Read Leviticus 27:30 and Genesis 4:3-5.

- What does tithing currently look like for you?
- What are some of the blessings you have experienced as a result of tithing?
- Why is it so important that we give God our tithe first?
- What changes do you need to make to ensure that your tithe is the first thing you give to God?
- What kind of legacy could you leave for your family or those in

Matthew 6:1-4 NASB

¹"Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

²"So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

³"But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

⁴so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

Luke 9:12-17 NASB

Five Thousand Fed

¹²Now the day was ending, and the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place."

¹³But He said to them, "You give them something to eat!" And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people."

¹⁴(For there were about five thousand men.) And He said to His disciples, "Have them sit down to eat in groups of about fifty each."

¹⁵They did so, and had them all sit down.

¹⁶Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke them, and kept giving them to the disciples to set before the people.

¹⁷And they all ate and were satisfied; and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets full.

Leviticus 27:30 NKJV

And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's. It is holy to the LORD.

Read Luke 9:12-17 and Matthew 6:-14

- :Why is it always better to give than receive?-
- What is the biggest thing you have ever given away?
- How were you impacted by your act of giving?
- What things can we learn about the abundance of God's provision from this story?
- What are some of the things holding you back from being able to give more freely to God and others?
- In what ways have you seen God multiply your resources as a result of your giving?
- What are some of the biggest blessings God has given you? What do these blessings mean to you?
- To whom or what do you feel God is calling you to give more of your resources to?
- What radical changes do you need to make so that you can give in such a way that God will multiply your blessings?