



The Principle of Multiplication

Focus Our finances are blessed when we give to the Lord first. When we give over and above our tithes, whatever is given can be multiplied.

Open How would you explain the importance of sharing to a child?

Read Review Luke 9:12–17. The disciples had a small meal of five loaves and two fish. Because Jesus blessed it, it had the potential to multiply. If the disciples had eaten the food themselves, even after Jesus blessed it, it would have remained as only five loaves and two fish. Because they obeyed and gave it away, it multiplied to feed 5,000 men plus their families.

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

When you give to the Lord first (tithe) and the Lord puts His blessing on it, then, and only then, will your finances have the *ability* to multiply. However, you will never see the multiplication of your finances until you understand it can only multiply when you share over and above your tithe (offerings).

- Talk**
1. What caused the miracle of multiplication in Luke 9? When did the miracle happen?
 2. What is the difference between tithing and giving?
 3. Before anything can multiply, it must be blessed. What makes it be blessed?
 4. What do you think of when you hear the word extravagant?

5. Read Luke 21:1–4. Was the widow’s gift extravagant?
6. Has the Lord ever spoken to you about giving over and above your tithe? How did you react?

Live

1. You’ll only see your finances blessed and multiplied when you have allowed God to do a work in your heart in the area of giving—not in the area of getting. Spend a few minutes allowing the Lord to show you the true motive of your heart.
2. If you’re dealing with significant debt, you’ll never have the opportunity to give over and above. Find a financial coach who can show you how to honor the Lord with your finances and create a debt repayment plan to eliminate your debt and free up more of your income.

Pray

Thank God that His Word contains a biblical roadmap to the blessed life. Ask Him to constantly remind you of His financial principles so you can practically apply them to your life. Pray that He will speak to you clearly about what you should give over and above your tithe, and thank Him for blessing and multiplying your finances.