

Multiplied Resources

“And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.”

Mark 6:42-44 (KJV)

This is a familiar passage of Scripture that many of us have been taught from Sunday School into adulthood. This is the passage that gives the awesome account of Jesus feeding five thousand men plus women and children. It states that He blessed the bread and fish and then gave it to the people. At the conclusion of the meal there was an abundance of food left over, twelve baskets full of fragments, to be exact.

In this case, Jesus took something small, blessed it, and multiplied it to the point of abundance until it completely met the need of the people. However, before the multiplication could take place, it had to have the blessing of the Master. I believe it continued to multiply as long as Jesus had possession and direct control over it.

Likewise, it must be in our personal lives. We are a small thing in the eyes of the world. But if we enjoy the blessings of the Great Shepherd, growth is a natural process. He will guide us and shepherd us into greener pastures.

Regardless of what has happened in our lives our future can be characterized by multiplication. As long as He has His hand on our life, our service to the Lord, blessing will become the norm. When things are in His hands and under His control He is the Source and not us. Jesus Christ must always be at the center of things, every service, every area of ministry we endeavor to implement. Notice, the bread and fish were placed in His hands, brought to Him by His disciples. What we possess and our many hopes and desires must all be placed in His hands.

When we recount this wonderful story of God's abundant provision miraculously given to His followers, we often overlook the two-fold principle I have alluded to: His blessing and His control.

What is the desired outcome in your life today? Are you looking for God's presence to manifest in a circumstance that exists in your life? Are you willing to place it in His hands and take your focus off what you desire and how you think it should work out? Are you willing to give the outcome totally to God?

We do so by surrendering our plan over to God. Or, it may be people and our energies in trying to change them into our image of what they should be. The list can go on and on. We have to allow God to orchestrate the outcome and relinquish our control, motivation, and energy to help Him out.

Are you facing financial need? Tithing places your finances in His hands and sets you up for multiplication. Forgiveness of others opens up possibilities for a wonderful relationship with them for the future. Are you trying to gain strength to overcome a bad habit or to discontinue a mode of negative conduct in your life? Commit to spending fellowship time with the Father and trusting His strength not yours to overcome it.

In need of healing? Quit trying to have faith. You have already been given faith like the little boy was given the bread and fish. Take your need and deposit it in His hands and allow Him to do the rest, in His way, in His timing, and to His glory, not yours.