

**God's Principles and Priorities on  
Time, Talent and Treasure**  
**Part 1. Financial stewardship, money, giving and blessing**  
*(A Biblical perspective taken from The Blessed Life by Robert Morris)*

### **III. The Principle of Multiplication**

#### **The Feeding of the 5,000 - Luke 9:12-17**

- Actually it was more like 15,000 – 20,000 people in total
- Jesus' first response was to tell the disciples that *they* should feed them
- Put your self in the place of the disciples - How would you have handled the situation?
- Even though Jesus was the source of the miracle, He still put the pieces *into the disciples hands* to distribute
- Elisha and the widow's oil - II Kings 4:1-7
- God specializes in **multiplication**

#### **Two Keys to [Divine] Multiplication**

- After Jesus "blessed" the food, He broke it into pieces and handed it to the disciples so that the miracle happened through the disciples
- The *first rule of multiplication* is: "Something must be blessed before it can multiply"
  - Romans 11:16
- The *second rule* is: "Only what is given can be multiplied"
- There is a difference between Tithing and Giving
- Tithing is simply returning to God that which He says is "Mine" (His)
- So technically, tithing isn't *giving* - it is *returning*
- You cannot give away what is not yours

#### **The Power of Offerings**

- Tithes *and* offerings (Malachi 3:8)
- We give to the Lord first (the firstfruits) so that our finances are blessed
- We give over and above our tithes because only that which is shared [given] can be multiplied

#### **Seed – the ultimate example of multiplication**

- A seed that is planted does not produce only one seed
- A couple of kernels of corn produces a stalk with several ears, each ear having 400 kernels
- The principle of harvest increase is a law of nature – Genesis 1:12, Isaiah 30:23
- God uses "seed" and "sower" illustrations throughout Scripture – Matthew 13:18-23, 24-30, 31-32; Mark 4:26-30

*These are the principles of multiplication.  
They are as powerful today as they were on the Galilean hillside.*