Principles of Multiplication

Sermon Series: Elijah

1 Kings 17:7-24 (Luke 9:12-17)

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THE SECRET OF MULTIPLICATION

Multiplication Principles...

- You have to start with an <u>INVITATION</u> to multiply . (1 Kings 17:7-9, Malachi 3:10)
- Things tend to multiply after <u>THEMSELVES</u>. (1 Kings 17:10-12, Luke 9:12-17)
- It has to be <u>BLESSED</u> to multiply. (1 Kings 17:13-14, Proverbs 3:9-10)
- 4 It has to be <u>GIVEN</u> away to multiply. (1 Kings 17:15-16, Leviticus 27:30, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

BOTTOM LINE:

God uses **GENEROSITY** to rescue you from **YOURSELF**.

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REALife Application

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Tithing and giving is a complicated subject – There is more to the tithe than simply giving 10% of our money. God deserves the best; God deserves to be first.

1. The first fruits must be offered - Read Exodus 23:19, Proverbs 3:9-10 and Genesis 4:3-5.

Have you ever considered what it means to give God the first fruits? Many of us assume that simply giving is all that matters. But the Bible teaches that we are to give God our best – have you ever thought about whether you are giving God your best, your first fruits?

- 2. The tithe must be first Read Leviticus 27:30, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2. Why is the tithe important to God? Why should our tithes be the first thing we give to God from our earnings?
- 1 Kings 17:7-16 and Luke 9:12-17- This passage shows the magnitude of God's ability to multiply what we see as insignificant.
- Two main points that we have to grasp in order to fully understand this:
 - 1. It has to be blessed before it can multiply. If you are giving money to something, isn't it enough to just give it; or is there a benefit to it, for it be blessed?
 - In what ways do you currently give thanks to God for the things He provides for you?
 - 2. It has to be given away before it can be multiplied.

Do you view tithe as an obligation or an act of worship? Explain.

Since God is the creator of all things, it is obvious that He doesn't need money. Why then does He ask us to tithe or to give to others?

Can you think of a time when you gave a little bit and God multiplied it through various things?

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