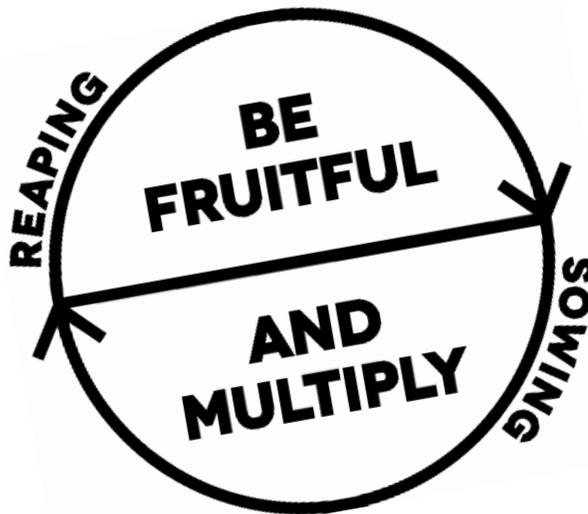


Resurrecting Generosity

PART TWO



Genesis 1:28a Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply.”

- Along with God’s blessing, He gave this _____ for living in His blessing.

In **Luke 12:16-23 & 30–34** Jesus tells a story of a rich farmer who wanted bigger barns to hold all his fruitfulness. Here’s what we can learn both about being fruitful *and* multiplying.

VS 16-18 Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods.

- Jesus never _____ anyone for being fruitful — but He does point out the complications.
- **Mark 10:23** Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!”

VS 19-21 And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!” “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ “This is how it will be with anyone who *stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.*”

- The temptation is to _____ for fruitfulness rather than to _____ God’s blessing.
- **Mark 8:35** For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.
- Fruitfulness is governed by _____: maximizing what God has provided (see Matthew 25:14-29).
- Multiplication is governed by _____: being _____ toward God.

VS 22-23 & 30-31 Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear. For *life is more* than food, and your body more than clothing. ... *These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers* all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need.*

- This is a matter of _____ — trusting that God can and will provide what is needed.
- Seek God’s Kingdom first: our _____; and God will provide everything we need: His _____.

Luke 12: 32-34 “So don’t be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.” Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

- When we stop trying to build our _____ kingdom, it’s God’s pleasure to give us His!
- Only what we multiply _____ us.
- Where is my treasure? This is the _____ question.
- **Mark 8:35** For if you let your life go for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, you will continually experience true life. But if you choose to keep your life for yourself, you will forfeit what you try to keep.

