

INCREASE AND MULTIPLICATION PRINCIPLES

INTRO

God is a God of increase Who reveals Himself in His principles. Increase and multiplication are not an accident but rather an on purpose occurrence. Increase is always triggered by obedience to increase principles. Once revelation of an increase principle comes, we must walk in the light of it, apply it, or put it into operation. Revelation of an increase principle plus action manifests multiplication and increase.

I. Principle #1 Sowing and Reaping Genesis 8:22.

- A. Increase always depends on seedtime and harvest, sowing and reaping.
- B. There are all kinds of fields and all kinds of things called seed. You are a warehouse of seed.
- C. Expect every harvest to come from a seed – we must sow to reap.
- D. We have no right to expect a harvest without sowing seed.

II. Principle #2 Die John 12:24.

- A. Fruit comes from a death process.
- B. Death positions you for multiplication.
 - 1. Do not focus on the death focus on the fruit.
 - 2. If it is a death to something God meant to die it will bring a resurrection.
- C. Whatever limits multiplication must be put aside – that is the death process.
 - 1. Get the limitations off. Our self view, others opinions, adversity and sin can limit us.
 - 2. Death to our thinking, ways, methods, practices, involvements, and activities.

III. Principle #3 Delegation Exodus 18:21, 22; Matthew 9:35-10:1.

- A. There is no multiplication without delegation.
- B. Production is teamwork and we must connect with other people.
 - 1. We must train others to do what we do.
 - 2. Our inability to connect with others will limit our ministry.
 - 3. We need favor with God and with man in order to succeed.
- C. Follow Jesus' example of making disciples.
 - 1. He motivated and attracted.
 - 2. He defined the goal and task.
 - 3. He delegated authority.
 - 4. He optimized their capacity (stretched them).
 - 5. He taught them to reproduce.

IV. Principle #4 Go John 15:16.

- A. We bear fruit going not standing still. There are works we are to do John 5:36.
 - 1. Cannot be lying down, sit down, or stand still. God told Paul in Acts 9 to stand up.
 - 2. Get started doing your assignment. Just feeding on messages means you are sitting.
 - 3. Can be overbalanced with information (knowledge) but no implementation (action).
- B. God cannot change and direct us until we move.

V. Principle #5 Obey/Leading of the Spirit John 4:3, 4, 34-41.

- A. There is no multiplication without obedience to the leading of the Spirit.
- B. If we are led by the Spirit we can be led to a harvest or increase.
 - 1. If we are led by the Spirit we will see opportunity.
 - 2. If we are led by the natural we will see problems. Our natural mind will limit us.
 - 3. Obedience to the will of God was His food. Food is life, health, strength, and joy.
 - 4. When obeying God's will is as necessary to us as food we will increase and multiply.

5. His disciples were persuaded by the circumstance and their lower need but did not see the higher need.
 6. No one saw the multiplication or harvest except Jesus and He obeyed the leading of the Spirit to reap it. We are sent to reap not just sow.
- C. Obedience to the leading of the Spirit and voice of Jesus will take you into supernatural increase that others cannot see Luke 5:1-10; John 21:1-11.
1. The increase was already in their environment.
 2. Their perception was the #1 resistance force they had to overcome.

VI. Principle #6 Change/Prune John 15:1-5.

- A. There is no multiplication without change.
1. No fruit, to fruit, to more fruit, to much fruit after pruning (or change).
 2. God often inspires change to get things to where He wants them.
- B. Some attack and oppose “what God is saying” with “what God said.”
- C. New wine (the new thing God wants to do) needs new wineskins Luke 5:36-39.
1. There must be a change in the wineskin to embrace the new.
 2. It is a natural tendency to like the old, not the new and it is natural to say the old is better. The old man (flesh) clings to the old wineskin.
 3. There is resistance we must overcome and it is “the liking of the old.”
 4. We must break free from natural liking and change in order to multiply and increase.
 5. Programs/events don’t get the people. Develop programs because you have the people.

VII. Principle #7 Planting/Rooting Psalm 92:12-14; Proverb 12:12; Psalm 1:1-3

- A. Only things that stay planted flourish Psalm 92:12-14. Get planted and receive your supply.
1. Remaining planted means developing patience, endurance and staying focused.
 2. Broken focus creates insecurity and instability in all your ways James 1:8.
 3. Focus determines what you master and what becomes strongest in your life.
 4. Satan’s goal is to break the focus of God’s people off of their God given dream.
 5. To destroy a dream he gives you another dream or another’s dream because it fragments focus. Sometimes sowing into another’s dream can distract your focus.
 6. The reason men fail is due to broken focus. Broken focus will destroy your dreams.
- B. It’s never what you can see that sustains the life you do see Proverb 12:12; Psalm 1:1-3.
1. Roots grow from planted things. Roots are unseen and are the source of the life you see. The roots yield the fruit up Isaiah 37:31.
 2. Roots draw water and nutrients Jeremiah 17:7, 8; roots anchor and stabilize.
 3. No roots - things wither; deeper the roots – stronger to endure storms.
 4. Established roots can create whatever pieces are missing from a damaged plant.
- C. Stay planted, rooted, and focused.
1. Learn to be content with your assignment and avoid competition.
 2. Develop tolerance for short term discomfort and mental toughness for persecution
 3. Stay focused on God and forget the foolishness of man.

VIII. Principle #8 Planning Isaiah 45:11; Proverb 29:18; Habakkuk 2:1-4

- A. Success and increase are planned. Nothing just happens Genesis 1:28.
1. Planning begins with realizing God has a plan for our lives Ephesians 1:4; 2:10.
 2. Planning is our attempt to uncover God’s plan and become a part of it Isaiah 45:11.
 3. Planning begins with an inspired view of the future, a vision, or goal Habakkuk 2:1-4.
 4. Planning involves setting goals and strategizing steps to attain them Psalm 37:23,24.
- B. Wise planning and implementing the plan takes you from the dream to reality Proverb 24:3,4.
1. Vision (a goal) and a plan keeps you under discipline Proverbs 29:18.
 2. Prayerful planning aligns you with God’s plan and puts you on God’s timetable. Only make plans that fit God’s plans Jeremiah 33:3; Proverb 4:26; 16:9.
 3. Planning God’s way stretches your faith and destroys the condemnation of past failure.

4. Plan your work and work your plan. It keeps you on course and provides purpose, focus and energy to your actions. Proper planning prevents poor performance.
5. Need a strategy (a goal and steps of attainment) for reaping and keeping the harvest.

IX. Principle #9 Supply Colossians 2:19; Philippians 1:19; Ephesians 4:16

- A. Supply is the cornerstone of increase. Increase and growth come from supply.
 1. In Colossians 2:19, "...having nourishment ministered..." means to fully supply.
 2. Full supply being furnished causes the Body to increase with the increase of God.
- B. Spiritual supply Philippians 1:19.
 1. Prayer and supply of the Spirit.
 2. In 2 Peter 1:5 the word "add" means supply. It lists spiritual supply.
 3. Note what can happen where everyone gives their supply Acts 4:23, 24.
- A. Financial supply 2 Corinthians 8:14; 9:10, 12; Ephesians 4:28.
 1. Many visions will remain a dream because of lack of financial supply.
 2. Supply is the fuel to move the vision from the dream stage to realization.
 3. Financial supply must be released and channeled into the vision. Every vision needs men, methods, and money (tithes/offerings).
 4. There is a personal blessing in giving financial supply Philippians 4:19.
- B. Service supply Ephesians 4:16.
 1. Every member has supply built into them as the workmanship of God Ephesians 2:10.
 2. There is a place where your abilities, gifts, graces, anointing, and callings fit and will be a blessing 1 Corinthians 12:18. We are to produce not just consume.
 3. The abilities God has supplied us we are to minister the same to others as good stewards 1 Peter 4:10, 11. A functioning Body is a key to increase.
 4. There is often a lack of service supply that increases the burden of supply on others 1 Corinthians 16:17; Philippians 2:30.
- C. Talents and skill supply Exodus 35:31-33; 36:1, 2.
 1. When the vision was communicated they were stirred and responded with giving their natural skills. Stirring up the gifts of God in you includes your natural gifts.
 2. We give our employers all our natural and trained skills but what about our Creator?
 3. Gifts can be in captivity in the world system 1 Kings 7:51; 14:26; Ezra 6:1,5.
 4. Isaiah 11:11 prophesies the remnant shall be regathered from Shinar in the end times.

X. Principle #10 Nets Luke 5:1-10; John 21:1-11; Matthew 13:47,48

- A. Luke 5:1-10 Jesus shared that the net principle has a spiritual application. He inferred fishers of men would use nets to catch men v.10. Jesus said He would make us fishers of men.
 1. "...washing the nets..." v.2.
 2. "...let down your nets..." v.4.
 3. "...nevertheless at thy word we will let down the net..." v.5.
 - a. They enclosed a great multitude...and their net broke.
 - b. They did not use nets but only a net and lost the great catch of fish to others.
 4. Without the proper nets we will miss spiritual increase.
- B. John 21:1-11.
 1. "Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find..." v.6.
 2. They cast the net and were not able to draw it in for the multitude of fish.
 3. One hundred fifty-three huge fish and the net did not break.
 4. They had a net but needed a slight adjustment in its application.
 5. When directed by the voice of Jesus they made the adjustment and caught the fish.
- C. Net - A fabric made by interlocking thread by knotting and twisting them at the points where they cross each other; strength of the net depends on the number of twists or knots made; the net must be pulled and stretched into place. It needs mended from rips and tearing.
 1. A church needs a leadership net – a leadership team joined and knitted together into a network of covenant relationships and commitment Numbers 11:17, 25, and 29.

2. A church needs a congregational net – God’s people drawn together, twisted, crossed, and tied by the Holy Spirit in covenant relationships 1 Corinthians 1:10.
 3. A church needs a ministry net – the ministry, methods, activities, programs, groups, and areas of involvement or what they offer to catch people in.
- D. The Church drag net
1. “...the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a drag net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered fish of every kind, when it was full, they drew it up,” Matthew 13:47,48.
 2. The local church is God’s present day drag net in the earth to catch every kind of people. The Body of Christ must allow God to knit them together in the local church.

**XI. Principle #11 Gather and Connect Skills Isaiah 60:1-4; 1 Samuel 22:2
Deuteronomy 11:14; 28:30, 38, 39;**

- A. We live in the time when God said He would gather together all things Ephesians 1:10.
- B. God’s Spirit in us gathers Isaiah 43:4-6; 54:7; 56:8; 60:1-4; Jeremiah 23:3, 4; Micah 2:12, 13.
- C. Jesus gathers Isaiah 40:11; Matthew 3:11, 12.
- D. We are to gather Isaiah 62:10; Psalm 104:27, 28.
- E. Our blessing includes gathering Deuteronomy 11:14 and not being able to gather is a curse Deuteronomy 28:30, 38, 39.
- F. David’s mighty men were gathered unto him 1 Samuel 22:2.
- G. Gather – to collect, amass, or accumulate; to bring close; to pick or harvest; to twist or fold together; to roll into a mass; to assemble, bring, or come together.
- H. You are a warehouse of seed – people connecting with you are the harvest.
 1. If we want a harvest of connecting with people we must sow seeds of connection with people. Our people contacts and relationships are the field we sow into.
 2. We have no right to expect a harvest of connection with people without sowing seeds of connection. Sowing and reaping has an application on a personal level.
- I. Gather and Connect Skills. Six ways to sow seeds for a people connection harvest.
 1. Sow genuine interest in other people. Be engaging
 2. Sow a smile and eye contact. No one wants to pet a bull dog.
 3. Sow the most important sound in any language – the person’s name.
 4. Sow good listening and encourage others to talk about themselves. Attentive/tactful.
 5. Sow talk in terms of the other person’s interests.
 6. Sow sincere feelings and value of the other person’s importance. Sow admiration not superiority, rigidity, indifference, or unaffected responses which invalidate. People are drawn and attracted to those who admire, affirm, and appreciate them.

XII. Principle #12 Stay in Faith.

- A. Hebrews 10:23 - Hold fast to your profession.
- B. Romans 4:17 - Call things which be not as though they were.
- C. Proverbs 18:20, 21 - Increase, life and death is in the power of our tongue.
- D. James 2:22 - Actions. We bear fruit moving not standing or passive.

**XIII. Principle #13 Make Wisdom The Principle Thing Proverb 4:7, 8; 24:3,4;
James 1:5.**

- A. Get wisdom and understanding for wise implementation. God said He’d give us wisdom.
- B. Through wisdom is a house built. God has obligated Himself to speak to us Isaiah 29:18; 35:5; 42:7, 16; 45:11.
- C. This wisdom was hidden from the devil but ordained for our glory 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
- D. Wisdom cries out Proverb 1:20, 21 and comes through:
 1. Devotion and dedication 1 Kings 3:4.
 2. Daily meditation / pounding in the Word Proverb 1:2, 3; Joshua 1:8.
 3. Discipline Proverb 6:20-23.
 4. Diligent, early, and daily seeking Proverb 2:4, 5; 8:17, 34.

- E. A wise man will hear and have an ear for wisdom Proverb 1:5; 22: 17-21 in:
 1. Prayer Ephesians 1:16-18; James 1:5.
 2. The Scriptures 2Timothy 3:16, 17.
 3. Your spirit 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:9, 10.
 4. Wise counsel Proverb 11:14; Proverb 13:20.
 5. Natural creation Proverb 30; 24-28; Romans 1:20.
- F. Wisdom is stability and strength (Isaiah 33:6) in times of limited:
 1. Resources Ecclesiastes 7:11, 12.
 2. Support Ecclesiastes 7:19.
 3. Experience 1 Kings 3:7; Job 32:7-9.
 4. Physically Proverb 30; 24-28.
 5. Knowledge Job 36:4; Romans 8:26.
- G. This manifold wisdom Ephesians 3:10 is insight perfectly suited to your situation that:
 1. Reveals the true nature of things or a broad picture of what's going on James 1:5.
 2. Gives knowledge of the Lord's will Colossians 1:11.
 3. Shows what, when, and how to do something Ecclesiastes 8:5.
 3. Leads to right decisions and what is right Proverb 8:20; 21; 4:11; 8:6.
 4. Changes hindsight into foresight or is before the fact insight 1 Kings 3:28.
 5. Makes you efficient and effective Ecclesiastes 10:10.
 6. Makes you superior to your enemy and unstoppable 1 Corinthians 2:6-8.
 7. Brings favor, peace, and strength Proverb 8:35; 3:17; James 3:17; Proverb 24:5.
 8. Calls for a change, keeps you safe, and quiet from evil Proverb 1:23, 33.

XIV. Principle #14 Prayer Womb.

- A. Isaiah 66:7-9; Colossians 4:12 - A womb is a place where something is generated and birthed.
- B. Luke 11:9-13; Acts 14:27; Colossians 4:2-4 - Prayer opens doors.
- C. Psalm 2:8 - Ask in prayer for our inheritance of lost people. Pray, listen and obey.
- D. Zechariah 10:1 - Pray for supernatural help, blessing or rain.
- E. Ezekiel 36:37, 38 - Pray for increase; 1 Chronicles 4:9, 10 - enlargement.

XV. Principle #15 Renewed Mind or Vision for Growth Matthew 16:18; Romans 12:2.

- A. Leaders and people must have vision or see God's will for increase - Genesis 15:5.
 1. Leaders must see or have a picture, image, or vision of increase Romans 12:2.
 2. Ephesians 3:9; Habakkuk 2:2,3 - Leaders must influence what others see.
 3. Proverbs 29:18 - People only support what they can see.
- B. Revelation of the Harvest helps us see God's will for increase.
 1. Amos 9:11-13 - Supernatural harvest.
 2. John 4:35 - Ready harvest.
 3. Matthew 9:37 - Plenteous harvest.
- C. Knowing God is a God of increase helps us see increase.
 1. Increase is a part of every covenant Genesis 1:28; 9:1, 7, 9; 12:1-3; 22:17...;
 2. 1 Corinthians 3:7 - The God of increase is still the God of the universe.
 3. Deuteronomy 1:10,11 - God is a multiplier.
 4. Isaiah 60:21,22; Job 8:7 - There is increase for the little and small.
 5. Mark 4:26-34 - Increase is a law of the kingdom.
 6. John 15:8, 16 - We are ordained to bear much fruit.
- D. Knowing what time we are living in helps us see increase.
 1. Matthew 16:18,19 - We are living in the time of the building of the Church not the maintaining of the Church.
 2. Ephesians 1:10 - We are living in the dispensation of the fullness of times when God would gather together all things.
 3. Acts 3:19-21 - We are living in the times of refreshing and restoration