

The Will of God Discipleship 101

BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY

The first words God said to Adam and Eve— “God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it . . . ’” (Genesis 1:28).

The first words God said to Noah and his family when they came off the ark, “And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. . . As for you, be fruitful and multiply; populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it’” (Genesis 9:1, 7).

BE FRUITFUL

Be fruitful is not just an Old Testament biological command to have many children. It is a spiritual process Jesus commanded.

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples” (John 15: 4-5, 8).

Being fruitful is living such a connected, intimate life with Jesus (you are one with Him) that the life of Jesus is revealed in your:

- Conduct (Goals and Actions)
- Character
- Converts

MULTIPLY

If there is an ongoing sin against God that most Christians in the American church commit, it is that they have not and are not multiplying.

Multiplication is living out and passing on the life of Christ (as seen in Scripture and empowered by the Holy Spirit) to faithful people who will live it out and pass it on to others who will do the same.

"But the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them" (Exodus 1:7).

“Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day will be carried to Babylon; nothing will be left,’ says the Lord. ‘And *some* of your sons who will issue from you, whom you will beget, will be taken away, and they will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.’ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, ‘The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good.’ For he thought, ‘For there will be peace and truth in my days’” (Isaiah 39:6-8).

Multiplying disciple makers is not about you! The only way that it is about you is in the area of obedience.

Multiplying disciple makers is not an option; it is obedience.