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PERSONAL DEVOTIONS



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# WEEK ONE PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL

## BIG IDEA *God multiplies what we release.*

God really does multiply what we release. You see it all over 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, where Paul paints this picture of a God who not only gives seed to the sower, but actually multiplies it and turns it into a harvest of righteousness. Think of it this way: when we hold tightly, we manage. When we open our hands, God multiplies. That is the heart of a Multiplier Mindset. It is not just about money; it is about trusting that whatever we place in God's hands, our time, our influence, our gifts, our resources, He can do far more with it than we ever could on our own.

We see this principle in our world right now. Think about how quickly something can go viral today. One simple, heartfelt video of someone paying for a stranger's groceries or stepping in to help after a natural disaster gets shared online, and suddenly millions of people are moved to act. One small act of kindness turns into thousands of meals, donations, and volunteers on the ground. That is a glimpse of multiplication. In a similar way, Paul says when we "sow generously," God not only meets needs but stirs up gratitude and worship in many hearts (2 Corinthians 9:11). Your quiet "yes" to God can ripple out farther than you will ever see.

Paul also reminds us that God is the provider at every stage: He gives the seed, He grows the seed, and He turns it into bread for others and even more seed for more sowing (2 Corinthians 9:10). Picture a relief organization stepping into a crisis today. Someone gives what feels like a small donation. That gift combines with others, buys supplies, funds workers, and helps rebuild communities. Over time, that one choice to give has been multiplied into shelter, safety, and hope. Spiritually, the same thing happens when you encourage a struggling believer, lead a small group, or invest in the next generation. God takes what you release and grows it into something that feeds many.

This is why focusing on multiplication, disciples making disciples, matters so much for the church today. We live in a moment when people are hungry for hope, truth, and something solid to build their lives on. Churches that only think in terms of addition say, "How do we get more people in the room?" Churches with a multiplier mindset say, "How do we help every person in the room become a disciple maker?"

It is the difference between a single teacher talking at a classroom and a group of trained mentors each walking with two or three people. One model grows slowly; the other grows exponentially. That is what we see in Acts as “the number of disciples multiplied greatly.”

So what does this look like for you, right now, this week? Maybe you are in a Transforming season, God is really changing you from the inside out. Lean in. Maybe you are in an Equipping season, He is calling you to pour into others, to lead, teach, or mentor. Or maybe you are in an Increasing season, God is widening your influence and asking you to think beyond your comfort zone. Wherever you are, ask Him, "Lord, what am I holding onto that You are asking me to release so You can multiply it?" It could be as simple as starting a conversation with a neighbor, inviting someone to church, tithing faithfully, or taking a step into leadership. God multiplies what we release.

WEEK  
ONE

# PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL

## QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER LEARNING AND APPLICATION

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. What word or phrase about generosity hits you the hardest, and why?

How have you seen a “small” act of generosity or obedience (yours or someone else’s) ripple out and impact many people over time?

In your own life, do you tend to think more in terms of addition (“What can I manage?”) or multiplication (“What can God multiply?”)? Give a specific example.

Where do you most struggle to trust God as provider—your finances, your time, your energy, your influence? What might it look like to open your hands in that area?

Think about a recent news story where one person’s action inspired a movement (relief efforts, generosity, advocacy). What does that show you about how God can use one willing person?

Who in your life has “multiplied” into you—someone who discipled, mentored, or invested in you spiritually? How might God be inviting you to do that for someone else?

What are some signs that a church (or a person) is stuck in “addition thinking”—just trying to get by or grow a little—instead of embracing God’s heart for multiplication?

Which “bucket” best describes your current season—Transforming, Equipping, or Increasing—and what’s one next step you can take to lean into that season with God?

If you asked God, “Who do You want me to intentionally invest in over the next three to six months?”—who is the first person that comes to mind, and what’s a practical way to start?

What is one resource—time, talent, or treasure—you sense God nudging you to release this week so He can multiply it, and what specific step will you take to follow through?

## PRAYER

**GOD, GIVE ME A MINDSET THAT DESIRES MULTIPLICATION. HELP ME TO SEE OPPORTUNITIES TO INVEST IN THE GROWTH OF OTHERS, TO GIVE WITH OPEN HANDS, AND TRUST YOU AS MY ULTIMATE PROVIDER.**

# WEEK TWO PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL

## BIG IDEA *Growth is a life long pursuit.*

Growth really is a lifelong pursuit. If you take a close look at 2 Peter 1:1-8, Philippians 1:6, and Colossians 3:9-10, you see this theme everywhere. God's work in us does not stop, and He keeps inviting us forward. The big idea is simple, but it is powerful—never settling, always changing. Our faith journey is meant to be one of continuous transformation, not a quick sprint to a finish line, but a steady walk of becoming more like Jesus in every season.

Peter challenges us to actively pursue qualities like faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love. These are not just nice words; they are a growth map for anyone who follows Jesus. It is a little like training for a marathon. You would never run one by showing up without preparing for months and following a plan. Spiritually, the same principle applies. God calls us to stretch, mature, and deepen day after day. This is reflected in how professional athletes are always working on their skills in practice, never just relying on past success. They keep refining, improving, and growing. In the same way, as Christians, we never arrive, we keep growing.

Why does continual spiritual growth matter so much? These passages remind us that it is God who begins the good work in us, and He is faithful to keep at it. Philippians 1:6 says that God will carry His work to completion. Colossians 3 says to put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. You can think about a business or school that is always looking for ways to improve, update, and innovate. If they settle, they fall behind. In our faith, settling means missing out on the fresh things God is doing. Growth matters because it keeps us connected to God's kingdom movement and makes us bolder in sharing Christ.

Peter's life actually demonstrates this process. He is the disciple who, at times, seemed the least likely to finish strong. He denied Jesus, failed publicly, and wrestled with doubts, but he kept coming back to Jesus and letting Him transform his heart and character. Over time, Peter became a leader, a writer, and a courageous witness for Christ. His story is a real-life example that no matter where we start, God is committed to helping us change and grow.

Maybe you are sensing the temptation to settle in your faith. After experiencing spiritual highs, it can be easy just to coast. Sometimes fear, comfort, or frustration stand in our way. There is also the myth of spiritual arrival, the idea that after a certain number of years, Bible studies, or leadership roles, we have made it. The truth is, God has more for each of us, and transformation is ongoing. This week, ask yourself where is God nudging me to change. Maybe it is in your prayer life, your relationships, your generosity, or your courage. What is one step you can take? Share it with your group or a trusted friend, and invite them to walk with you as you grow.

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WEEK  
TWO

# PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL

## QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER LEARNING AND APPLICATION

Read 2 Peter 1:1-8. Which qualities does Peter outline as essential for growing in faith, and why do they stand out to you?

How do 2 Peter 1, Philippians 1:6, and Colossians 3 challenge the idea that spiritual growth stops at some point?

What real-life examples or stories from sports, business, or relationships show you why continual growth is important?

How have you experienced ongoing transformation in your own spiritual journey?

When have you personally felt tempted to settle or become stagnant in your faith?

**What obstacles most often block your path to continual change?**

**How would you define the myth of spiritual arrival with your own words? Can you think of an experience when you believed that myth?**

**What specific area do you sense God inviting you to grow in this season?**

**What practical step can you take this week to move forward in transformation, no matter how small?**

**How can our group or your circle of friends support each other as you all pursue lifelong growth together?**

## **PRAYER**

**LORD, KEEP ME FROM BECOMING STAGNANT. TRANSFORM ME DAILY. HELP ME DESIRE GROWTH, SO I BECOME A COURAGEOUS MULTIPLIER FOR CHRIST.**

WEEK  
THREE

# PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL

**BIG IDEA** *Equipped people multiply impact.*

Equipped people truly do multiply impact. This is at the heart of Jesus' teaching in the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:3-9,18-23. Jesus paints a picture of a farmer scattering seed, not knowing exactly where each one lands, but hoping for a bountiful harvest. The seed on good soil yields a harvest—sometimes thirty, sixty, or a hundred times what was sown. That is massive multiplication, not mere addition. Jesus shows us that when truth lands in a heart that is ready, the result can be 100X impact.

Paul builds on this in 2 Timothy 2:2 when he urges Timothy to take what he has learned and pass it on to faithful people who will teach others also. It is a powerful image of multiplication where one leader equips another, who then equips others, causing the influence and discipleship to grow far beyond the first person. Think about teachers who create leaders, coaches who produce other coaches, or organizations that develop entire teams rather than just getting one standout player. It is like mentoring someone at work who then trains others, causing your original investment to ripple throughout a community.

The Parable of the Sower is all about soil—the readiness and openness of the heart. Some seed never takes root, some grows for a little while and fades, but the good soil receives, grows, and bears fruit. In our own lives, we go through seasons where we might feel like rocky soil, getting discouraged or distracted, and other seasons where we are open and ready for growth. Which type of soil do you relate to right now? In the world of business and sports, companies and teams thrive when they create space for new leaders to emerge and take up the mission. Spiritually, it is the same. We are called not to just hold onto our influence, but invest it in others.

Equipping others means making space for another person's growth and trusting God to work through them. It is important to give grace in this process, remembering that people need room to try, fail, learn, and grow. A real-world example is how successful nonprofits often flourish because someone was willing to step aside and let new people take leadership, allowing fresh ideas and energy to multiply the reach and impact.

Sometimes “replacing yourself” in a ministry or service area means you are trusting God to multiply what you started through others. It is a courageous act of faith.

As you think about your week, ask yourself: who can I invest in or equip? Where do I need to make more space or give more grace for someone else's growth? Multipliers are always scanning the horizon for new people to encourage, mentor, and unleash into their calling. Maybe it is a small group member, a coworker, a family member, or someone new at church. As you begin to equip others, you may be surprised how much God multiplies your influence, sometimes 100 times more than you expected.

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WEEK  
THREE

# PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL

## QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER LEARNING AND APPLICATION

Read Matthew 13:3-9,18-23. What is Jesus teaching in the Parable of the Sower about multiplication and readiness?

How does 2 Timothy 2:2 illustrate the principle of multiplying disciples and leaders?

Which type of "soil" do you most relate to right now, and what is shaping that season?

What does it look like in real life to "equip others"—in faith, work, sports, or relationships?

Why is grace important as we seek to multiply leaders and disciples?

**What is one way our group can become better at equipping and multiplying others?**

**Who is someone you can intentionally invest in or equip this week?**

**What does “replacing yourself” mean in ministry or service, and how might you take a step in that direction?**

**Where do you sense God asking you to make more space or give more grace for someone else’s growth?**

**What is one practical way you can help multiply impact—not just add to it—right now?**

## **PRAYER**

**FATHER, GIVE ME A HEART THAT DESIRES 100X FRUIT. SHOW ME OPPORTUNITIES TO EQUIP OTHERS FOR YOUR KINGDOM AND GIVE ME COURAGE TO STEP ASIDE SO OTHERS CAN RISE.**

WEEK  
FOUR

# PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL

**BIG IDEA** *Equipped people multiply impact.*

Faith steps really do bring Kingdom rewards. When you read Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus tells the Parable of the Talents, a story about risk, responsibility, and reward. He describes a master who entrusts his servants with resources. Some receive more, some less, but all are expected to do something meaningful with what they have been given. The ones who step out, take a risk, and invest what they have been entrusted with are the ones who see not just a return, but a multiplied impact. The servant who plays it safe, holding tightly to what they have, ends up missing out on the reward. In God's Kingdom, faith is not passive. It moves, it risks, and as a result, it multiplies.

We see this same theme in Jesus' final instructions to His disciples in Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:7-8. Jesus does not call us to settle, but to go, to move outward, and to step into the unknown. He expands the disciples' perspective from a local vision to a global one. "Go and make disciples of all nations" is an invitation to take faith risks for the sake of multiplication. In Acts, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit's power so His followers can be witnesses far beyond their comfort zones. Today, churches and believers who step out in faith by starting new ministries, blessing their neighbors, partnering in missions, or sending support overseas are living out this multiplying vision.

The actions of the servants in the parable reveal something important about trust and responsibility. The faithful ones recognized that everything they had belonged to their master and that it was meant to be used, not buried. They took steps, even when the outcome was uncertain. In everyday life, we see this principle. Entrepreneurs who take risks often see new opportunities open up, while those stuck in fear rarely see growth. In the church, when someone volunteers to lead, tries something new, or supports a global mission, their obedience can ripple out far beyond what they might expect.

So what does this look like for you? What risks have you taken, or could you take, for God's mission? Often the biggest risks are not dramatic. Sometimes it is a conversation with a neighbor, serving outside your comfort zone, or giving generously when you are not sure how it will all work out. Keeping the big picture in mind helps. God's dream is not just for one church, one city, or one group, but for a movement that reaches the world. That is why it is important not to multiply

just for us, but for God's greater Kingdom. Each faith step, no matter how small, is part of God's big story.

Maybe this month God is nudging you toward a faith risk, something that stretches you, something that just might multiply in a way you cannot see yet. Is there a way you can support the global church mission, even if your part feels small? Do you see an opportunity in your community or workplace that is outside your usual circle? Remember, God often turns our small, risky steps of obedience into stories of multiplied impact all across the world.

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WEEK  
FOUR

# PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL

## QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER LEARNING AND APPLICATION

Read Matthew 25:14-30. What risks and rewards does Jesus highlight in the Parable of the Talents, and how do they challenge your comfort zone?

How do Jesus' final instructions in Matthew 28 and Acts 1 invite you to think bigger about faith and multiplication?

What do the servants' actions in the parable teach you about trust and responsibility in God's Kingdom?

What is a faith risk you have taken or could take in your life or ministry?

How can you keep God's big picture in mind when you serve at church or in the world?

**Why is it important to multiply not just for our own church or group, but for the sake of God's greater Kingdom?**

**What is one faith risk you sense God leading you to pursue this month?**

**How could you support missions or the global church, even in small ways, right now?**

**Where do you see a new opportunity to multiply your impact beyond your normal circles?**

**Who can you encourage this week to take a faith risk for God and how will you do it?**

## **PRAYER**

**GOD, HELP ME TO TAKE FAITH RISKS FOR YOU. USE ME NOT JUST IN MY CHURCH, BUT TO MAKE DISCIPLES ACROSS THE COUNTY, COUNTRY, AND WORLD.**

WEEK  
FIVE

# PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL

**BIG IDEA** *Equipped people multiply impact.*

The story of Cain and Abel in Genesis 4:1-12 teaches us a lot about giving to God. Both brothers brought offerings, but Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, the very best he had, while Cain brought some of his crops, not necessarily the first or the best. God accepted Abel's offering but did not accept Cain's, which shows that giving is about more than the gift—it is about the heart behind it. When we honor God by giving Him our first and our best, it becomes a true act of worship and trust, telling God that He is first in our lives and the one we rely on most.

Giving our first and best is significant because it reveals what our priorities are. Think about an athlete who puts their hardest effort into the earliest reps or a chef who uses the freshest ingredients for their signature dishes. In the same way, giving God our first and best means He gets our highest priority, not what is left over after everything else. In worship, God is not as interested in the size of our gift as He is in what comes first in our hearts. Our heart posture is key. Generosity fueled by love and trust brings God joy, while giving reluctantly or out of habit does not bring the same blessing.

There is a real difference between making a one-time gift and living a lifestyle of giving. A one-time gift is good, but a lifestyle means generosity is woven into the rhythms of our days. "First and best" generosity, week in and week out, shapes a faith community. The more a church practices regular, joyful giving, the more trust and love flourish among its members. Needs are met. People are encouraged. New ministry is possible. That kind of living does not just support the church's mission, it transforms the hearts of everyone involved.

Practicing first and best generosity is not always easy. We may feel tempted to hold back out of fear or uncertainty, wanting to wait until we have "extra" before we give. But when we remember God's faithfulness, how He always provides, it encourages us to open our hands. Sometimes it helps to remember those moments when generosity has made a difference in your own life or in the community—stories of scholarships, support during tough times, or unexpected blessings are reminders and motivators to keep giving.

So what could it look like to offer God your first and best this week? Maybe it is setting aside your best time for prayer and worship at the start of each day or giving before any other spending happens in the month. Maybe it is choosing to serve at church first, before filling up your calendar with everything else. Consider a commitment step to the Multiply journey—what is one way you can choose generosity, not just once, but as a pattern for your life? Tell someone your plan so they can encourage you, and look for ways to bless others daily, not just during a series or a special event.

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WEEK  
FIVE

# PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL

## QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER LEARNING AND APPLICATION

Read Genesis 4:1-12. What does the story of Cain and Abel show you about the heart of giving to God?

Why do you think giving our first and best matters so much in worship?

How does your attitude or heart posture affect acts of generosity in your life?

What is the practical difference between a one-time gift and a lifestyle of giving?

How do you think regular first and best generosity could shape a faith community?

**What is something that challenges you to live generously?**

**What is something that motivates you to be open-handed with what God has given you?**

**What is one area where you could offer God your first and best this week?**

**What might a commitment step to the Multiply journey look like for you personally?**

**How will you keep generosity a priority beyond this teaching or series?**

## **PRAYER**

**LORD, TEACH ME TO OFFER YOU MY FIRST AND BEST. MAKE ME A JOYFUL GIVER WHO REFLECTS YOUR LOVE AND PROVISION, AND MOVE ME TO GENEROSITY IN EVERY AREA OF LIFE.**

**AM I FULLY  
TRUSTING GOD  
IN EVERY AREA  
OF MY LIFE**



**FOLLOWING  
HIM IN WHAT  
HE'S TELLING  
ME TO DO?**

HE WHO SUPPLIES SEED TO THE SOWER  
AND BREAD FOR FOOD WILL SUPPLY AND  
**MULTIPLY**  
YOUR SEED FOR SOWING AND INCREASE  
THE HARVEST OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

*2 Corinthians 9:10*



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