



When we read the Gospels we are taught by Father God through Jesus, a blueprint of how Christians are to prepare, start and run our lives... which is (should be) a multiplying ministry... our Great Commission.

Jesus was fully immersed water baptized as an adult (Matthew 3:13; Mark 1:9; Luke 3:21; John 1:33), received the Holy Spirit baptism/power (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32), went through wilderness time (Matthew 4:1; Mark 1:12; Luke 4:1), fasted forty days (Matthew 4:2; Luke 4:2), overcame temptation (Matthew 4:3-11; Mark 1:14; Luke 4:2-13), then started preaching repentance, and God's Standards, expectations and truth of how to be reconciled with Him... the Gospel. "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, 'Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand'" Matthew 4:17 and Mark 1:14 and Luke 4:14.

Immediately after starting, Jesus gathered up twelve people to learn from Him (Luke 6:13). He also appointed at least another 70 (Luke 10:1), which totals 82. Countless others of course heard and observed.

He taught them for years about truth, righteousness, healing, deliverance, wisdom, knowledge, working with the Holy Spirit, how to conduct their own lives, and to develop others (disciples). He taught the importance and duty of multiplication.



Looking at Jesus' initial 12 disciples, if each disciple/apostle did the same in their entire lifetime that would have been... JESUS

$12 \times 12 = 144$
 $144 \times 12 = 1728$
 $1728 \times 12 = 20736$
 $20736 \times 12 = 248,832$
 $248,832 \times 12 = 2,985,984$
 $2,985,984 \times 12 = 35,831,808$
 $35,831,808 \times 12 = 429,981,696$

That's 430 MILLION Christians living life as a ministry!

If each new Christian would have followed the Word of God, in less than 7 generations the world would have been evangelized... perhaps in a few hundred years!

Even faster if you went with 82 fold!

How many Christians do you know who are following the example Father gave us through Jesus in His Word on how to start and run their lives (a ministry) producing at least 12 spirit-filled Christians and so on?

Many years ago I studied about some in the 4th Century called the Desert Fathers and there are a handful of others I know... that's about it for me.

If anyone says what about pastors, evangelists and seminaries, I'll have to say re-read what Jesus taught and ask the question how many Christians are a living ministry... multiplying themselves at least 12 fold with God's spiritual life and power, not just doctrine... teaching how to operate in the spirit, healing, deliverance, and teaching each person how to start a ministry to reproduce themselves at least 12 fold?

How many did you come up with? Are you one?

I don't mean by ministry like the ones were used to seeing and hearing about, of those who stand in front of a bunch of people week after week, using "wise and persuasive words" (1 Corinthians 2:4), gathering offerings, singing a few songs and then doing it all again next week. A "hymn sandwich" I call it. This isn't what the Word of God teaches every Christian to do.

A few do mentor or write a spiritually inspired teaching book, or do some teaching CD's, DVD's, etc., in hopes that people will learn and reproduce. These are all very productive means of obtaining widespread results.

I praise those who do write spiritual teachings as it saves those from struggling unnecessarily over rough territory. This is one of my pet peeves that the 82 of Jesus, particularly the main 12, didn't write more and most wrote nothing at all! Thank God for Paul and his epistles. Writing is a good way to do a multiplying ministry to reach a multitude of others, as we know the Word of God has brought many to Christ without mentoring assistance. Mentoring is more closely following Jesus' example though, as this provides an encouraging role model.

Many Christians read book(s) and listen to sermons, to CD's and DVD's, but sadly most will just put what they've learned on a shelf and say, "That was an inspiring word or a great book!" but never apply the teachings, never teach others what they've learned or never start their own multiplying ministry.

Had Jesus just walked around and preached, cast out demons, healed multitudes, did some miracles but didn't teach, mentor or encourage any disciples how to do it themselves, what would have happened?

People would be dazzled and healed by the demonstrations of God's power and many saved, but then what? Father knew MLM was needed to reproduce what was passed down from Jesus! Even from the beginning this principle petered out or was being watered down by false gospels, man-made religions and worldly values as we see from Paul's writings to wayward Christians, despite his time spent with them! Christian history up to the 21st Century tells the same story. Just look around at the values and belief systems of those who call themselves Christian today to see the deliberate sin, self idolizing and compromising with God's Standards.

I should have been taught, mentored, and Holy Spirit baptized to obtain the same abilities that Jesus had from a mentor that can trace their lineage back to Jesus! Instead I had to struggle along through a few old books and trial and error until I got to the place in the spirit when I could hear and see in the spirit to receive correct training directly from the Holy Spirit, Jesus and Father. Thankfully I had a couple of mentors that also assisted my journey.

Not complaining about this Godly level of teaching, I'm complaining that I should have got there sooner than later. Most never get there and so they drift along deaf, dumb and blind to the spiritual realm all their lives, thanks to those who don't handle their Christian responsibilities properly. I spent many years sitting around in a pew of "hymn-sandwich churches", thinking I was doing what God wanted. I wasn't taught anything different!

Does that describe you? Are you producing at least 12 to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ, training and mentoring them to do the same? You don't have to do them all at once... if each Christian evangelized just one person or woke up just one dormant "pew sitter" a year and mentored them; they'd meet the goal in 12 years! The disciples of course must do their part to develop themselves spiritually and start on their own ministry of multiplication path.

I don't plan on standing in front of the Judgement Seat one day to explain why I didn't follow what's simply taught in all 4 Gospels on how to operate and live as a believer (**Hebrews 9:27**)!

We don't have to walk through life with 12 people in tow wherever we go. For most of us this wouldn't be practical with jobs and families. Leaders that tell Christians they need a diploma to have a ministry are false leaders as that's a man-made doctrine not a Biblical one. God anoints and appoints and sends out! Surrender to Him!

Encourage people to grow and step away from the pews (and spiritually dead "churches"/leaders)... to step into their destiny! Train them, mentor them and lift them up... this is part of Xtreme Big Game Hunting SAFARI in my book... Ready and Interact.

I know for some people this may seem to be a difficult task, but with God nothing is impossible. Ask the Holy Spirit how to accomplish this in your life and for the lives of others. He wants you to succeed!

"²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works." Matthew 16: 24-27

Jesus said "**Follow Me**" to His disciples! That's you! Be bold... You're more than a conqueror... Live your life as a MLM-Multi Level Ministry of Jesus! Good Hunting!