

## MULTIPLY #5

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*multiply (verb): to make more of or become greater; progressive growth in size, amount, or intensity.*

***“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”*** *Matthew 25:19-22 NIV*

SENSE \_\_\_\_\_ . (“See, I have gained five more.”)

SENSE \_\_\_\_\_ . (“Well done good and faithful.”)

SENSE \_\_\_\_\_ . (“Share your Master’s happiness.”)

***“I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!”*** *John 15:11 NIV*

**YOUR NATURAL TALENTS and SPIRITUAL GIFTS: HOW TO THINK ABOUT THEM**

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***“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”***

*Romans 12:1-2 MSG*

**MULTIPLYING MY NATURAL TALENTS AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS: USE THEM!**

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***“Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*** *1 Corinthians 10:31 NLT*

***“And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father... Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.”*** Colossians 3:17, 23-24 NLT

**USE THEM** \_\_\_\_\_.

***“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.”*** Galatians 6:9-11 NLT

**USE THEM** \_\_\_\_\_.

***“Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”*** Matthew 5:15 NIV

***“And don’t be wishing you were someplace else or with someone else. Where you are right now is God’s place for you. Live and obey and love and believe right there.”*** 1 Corinthians 7:17 MSG

**USE THEM** \_\_\_\_\_.

***For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”*** 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 NIV

***“Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude. Don’t forget to pray for us, that God will open doors for telling the mystery of Christ, even while I’m locked up in this jail. Pray that every time I open my mouth I’ll be able to make Christ plain as day to them.”*** Colossians 4:2-4 MSG

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

**CAN YOU REMEMBER A TIME WHERE DISCIPLINE IN THE PRESENT CREATED A MOMENT OF GREAT JOY LATER?**

**WHAT NATURAL TALENTS AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS HAVE YOU DISCERNED IN YOURSELF, HAVE OTHERS SHARED WITH YOU, OR HAS GOD REVEALED TO YOU?**

**HOW DOES A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD CHANGE THE WAY YOU WE SEE OUR SKILLSETS AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS?**

**HOW AND WHERE DO YOU BELIEVE GOD WANTS TO MULTIPLY YOUR NATURAL TALENTS AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS? WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU SAY “YES”?**