

Multipliers vs. Diminishers Part 2

“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”
Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT)

Multiplier: a person or thing that multiplies

Diminisher: to make or cause to seem smaller, less, or less important

Disciplines of a Multiplier

1. Multipliers attract and optimize talent

Talent: a special natural ability or aptitude; a capacity for achievement or success

- Jesus’ disciples were gathered by casting a large net
- Look beyond boundaries when choosing talent
- Identify what people do easily and freely

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Please feel free to come down to the front for prayer after service.
“...pray for one another...” James 5:16

“One day soon afterwards he went out into the mountains to pray, and prayed all night. At daybreak he called together his followers and chose twelve of them to be the inner circle of his disciples. (They were appointed as his ‘apostles,’ or ‘missionaries.’)”
Luke 6:12-14 (TLB)

Manage: To bring about or succeed in accomplishing, sometimes despite difficulty or hardship

- In managing talent, the diminisher will use people; the multiplier will develop people

In your own life, identify one area where you have been an intentional or unintentional diminisher and name one step you will take to change that:

2. Multipliers learn to connect people with opportunities

*“The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. Then Jesus said, ‘Let’s go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.’ He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn’t even have time to eat. So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone. But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them. Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat.’
But Jesus said, ‘You feed them.’ ‘With what?’ they asked.*

‘We’d have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!’ ‘How much bread do you have?’ he asked. ‘Go and find out.’ They came back and reported, ‘We have five loaves of bread and two fish.’ Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share. They all ate as much as they wanted and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish. A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed from those loaves!”
Mark 6:30-44 (NLT)

3. Multipliers create an intensity that requires people’s best thinking

“Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions: ‘Don’t go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, but only to the people of Israel—God’s lost sheep. Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received! Don’t take any money in your money belts—no gold, silver, or even copper coins. Don’t carry a traveler’s bag with a change of clothes and sandals or even a walking stick. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve to be fed. Whenever you enter a city or village, search for a worthy person and stay in his home until you leave town. When you enter the home, give it your blessing. If it turns out to be a worthy home, let your blessing stand; if it is not, take back the blessing. If any household or town refuses to welcome you or listen to your message, shake its dust from your feet as you leave. I tell you the truth, the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah will be better off than such a town on the judgment day.”
Matthew 10:5-15 (NLT)