

## **"MULTIPLYING MINISTRY"**

**Numbers 11:16-17, 24-30**

*Fred Hollows, Australian ophthalmologist who began traveling overseas to perform cataract surgeries on poor people. Only so many he could do per year. But then he began training Native doctors to perform cataract surgeries: Millions have received sight b/c he multiplied himself.*

### **I. MULTIPLYING MINISTRY**

#### **A. The need for multiplied leadership**

##### **1. God tells Moses there needs to be more of him**

*a. V17 I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone.*

##### **b. This is what discipleship is: Reproducing a man of God; training others to do what he does/would do**

*1. 2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

##### **2. That is what discipleship is: Not b/c you need a career – but b/c the world needs more godly ministry**

*a. God's people have needs: They need someone to minister to them/help them*

*b. The lost have needs – they're on their way to hell*

*c. Cities have needs: No Gospel witness d. Nations have needs*

##### **3. The only way to reach the world is through multiplied leadership/ministry**

*a. More people with the same spirit doing the same things as their Pastor*

#### **C. But we need to see something important about spiritual ministry**

##### **1. The mistake is that it's simply a matter of a position/being chosen; *Pick me! Pick me!***

##### **2. But true ministry is a function – not a position**

*a. V16 "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them*

##### **1. Men who were already functioning in ministering to the people**

##### **3. Many disciples are not doing now what they hope to be doing someday!**

*a. Not greeting visitors/not working with people/not being fruitful/not being faithful*

##### **4. When a disciple is doing right – now: It becomes apparent to others**

*a. Acts 6: You choose 7 men of good report/full of the HS and wisdom; The people knew!*

*b. 1 Samuel 18:5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.*

### **II. THE SPIRIT OF LEADERSHIP**

#### **A. The key to effective ministry is a supernatural dimension**

##### **1. V17 I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them...**

*a. More than information/skills – a spirit! Ministry is at it's foundation supernatural!*

#### **B. You need to have the spirit of your Pastor: The spirit that is upon you...**

##### **1. A spirit is what motivates them: What is their love/their passion?**

##### **2. A spirit is your outlook: How your pastor looks at life/problems/people**

*a. Elijah faced the flooded river: He smites the river – this will not stop me/we will change this!*

#### **C. You need to have a supernatural dimension of the Holy Spirit at work in you**

##### **1. What does God say is the most important thing they would get from Moses: A supernatural dimension**

*a. Numbers 11:25...they prophesied...something supernatural at work as they minister/go through life*

*1. Moses could strike a rock – provision; Raise his hands and overcome the enemy*

*b. You must seek this: You must have evidence of it at work in your life!*

### **III. THE CHALLENGE OF BLESSING**

#### **A. The danger is when we view the things of God through a personal/selfish lens**

*1. V27-28 And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28 So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, one of his choice men, answered and said, "Moses my lord, forbid them!"*

##### **2. It's selfish to think that ministry has to be limited to our group**

*a. They're not with us – so their ministry is not valid*

*1. They're not from our church/they weren't here at the beginning...so let people go to hell?*

##### **3. It's selfish to think that other people's ministry diminishes your importance**

*a. How dare they do anything without you!*

#### **B. Moses has a correct perspective:**

##### **1. V29 Oh, that all the LORD'S people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"**

*a. It's not about me/us: We rejoice when anyone is doing something for God that blesses other people*