



Three Keys to Longevity in the Lord

1. Regularly experiencing the presence of Jesus
2. Having a reservoir of God's word
3. Not giving up on your calling

Vision produces purpose.

Purpose results in discipline.

*Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19*

*But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. Exodus 1:7*

*Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; Exodus 1:8*

*Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land." Exodus 1:9*

*But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. Exodus 1:12*

### **Ministry of Multiplication.**

Creation is commanded to multiply - Genesis 1:22

Man is commanded to multiply - Genesis 1:28

Noah is commanded to multiply - Genesis 9:1

Angel promises to Hagar to multiply her descendants - Genesis 9:7

Abraham is promised multiplication exceedingly - Genesis 17:2; 22:17

Isaac is promised multiplication - Genesis 26:24; 28:3

Jacob is commanded to multiply - Genesis 35:11

Jesus performs a miracle of multiplication - Matthew 14:13-21

Multiplication is God's definition of faithfulness - Matthew 25:25

Number of disciples multiplied rapidly - Acts 6:7

Stop seeing discipleship as ministry for those who are good at nothing else.

### **Multiplying in Misery.**

Beauty of birth diminishes the pain of suffering.

It requires emotional maturity to multiply in misery.

Jesus promised us suffering, not safety.

### **5 Pillars of Chinese Underground Church:**

1. Devoted to the word of God
2. Deeply devoted to prayer
3. Expected every believer sharing gospel
4. Regular expectation of miracles
5. Embraced suffering

### **Difference Between Believer and Disciple:**

1. Believer comes to the cross. Disciple gets on the cross
2. Believer retreat to safety. Disciples embrace suffering.
3. Believer comes to church. Disciples are the church.
4. Believer cheer from sidelines. Disciples are in the game.
5. Believer reads the word. Disciple lives it.
6. Believer is all about believing. Disciple is all about being.
7. Believer is comfort driven. Disciple makes sacrifices.
8. Believer talks. Disciple makes disciples.

*You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 Timothy 2:3*

*“Reluctance to face pain is your greatest limitation. There is no growth without change, no change without loss, and no loss without pain.” Samuel Chand (Leadership Pain)*

*“The best leaders had to endure more pain and many people could never have more influence because they don’t have a big enough leadership pain threshold if you are not hurting you are not leading” Samuel Chand (Leadership Pain)*

### **Enemy uses 5 “B”s to stop spiritual births:**

1. Bad experience
2. Burn out
3. Burdens of life
4. Busyness
5. Boredom

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