

# A Comparison of Addition vs. Multiplication

Let's imagine two scenarios...

## Scenario #1 ADDITION

Imagine if by your phenomenal evangelism gifts you could personally add one million people to the Kingdom of God every year! WOW! That would be awesome! Even more fantastic (and more unrealistic), imagine if none of them fell away - your retention rate was 100%. It would look like this:

Year 1	1,000,000	1,000,000 Believers
Year 2	1,000,000	2,000,000
Year 3	1,000,000	3,000,000
Year 24	1,000,000	24,000,000

You would be ADDING 1,000,000 a year to the Church of Jesus. Praise God! That would be fantastic! Think of it, 24 Million Believers in 24 years!

## Scenario #2 MULTIPLICATION BY THE PRINCIPLE OF 12

Imagine if, by God's help, you could raise up your 12 in 3 years. (This is how long it took Jesus to raise up His 12.) Then as you continue to pour your life into those 12 and disciple them in the following 3 year cycle God would help them to each raise up their 12. If this chain of DiscipleMaking would continue unbroken in 3 years you would have 12, in 6 years you would have 144, etc. It would look something like this.

Years 1-3	12	
Years 4-6	144	
Years 7-9	1,728	
Years 10-12	20,736	
Years 13-15	248,832	
Years 16-18	2,985,984	
Years 19-21	35,831,808	
Years 22-24	429,981,696	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>469,070,940</b>	Disciples who are more than just converts or believers – they are all trained, equipped, discipled DiscipleMakers!

... and after that it really gets exciting!

## Contrasting Scenario #1 with Scenario #2

By year 24 -- The Super Evangelist by adding 1,000,000 each year would have reached a grand total of 24 million people! In that same time The DiscipleMaker would have reached and discipled only 12 ... but as the chain of multiplication had continued by those 12 and their 12s down the line by year 24 there would be:

## **469,070,940 DiscipleMaking DiscipleMakers!**

At this rate it would take The Super Evangelist over **445 more years** to catch up to what the DiscipleMaker and his 12 and their 12s had accomplished in 24 years.

Jesus had a more efficient and effective plan than mere addition. His Master's Plan involved multiplication! Raise up 12 and release them to do the same and make disciples who will make disciples.

Note:

Even if it took you **5 years** to get your 12 and 5 years after that to get the 144, etc., it would still be phenomenal... it would look like this:

Years 1-5	12
Years 6-10	144
Years 11-15	1,728
Years 16-20	20,736
Years 21-25	248,832
Years 26-30	2,985,984
Years 31-35	35,831,808
Years 36-40	<u>429,981,696</u>

**TOTAL 469,070,940**

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Not bad for a 40 year ministry!

Anybody got a better plan? If so, tell me about it so I can get after it!