

"And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, He looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided He among them ALL. And they did ALL eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men." Mark 6:41-44 KJV



Little did mom know that her small effort in providing for her son, that day, would supply a starving multitude! Small efforts, when broken and blessed by the Master, will provide thousands with sustenance. Five plus two equals seven. Five is the Biblical number of grace. "Noah was five hundred years old: And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." Two is the Biblical number of witness. "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days." Seven is the Biblical number of completion. "And on the seventh day God ended his work which He had made; and He rested (finished) on the seventh day from all His work which He had made." In God's hands five loaves and two fishes was enough. As witness to God's grace, a believer's meager supplies will always be enough to minister God's supply to thousands. If you are content with what you have, you have enough. "Godliness with contentment is great gain." Notice Godliness comes before contentment. Without God there is no sufficiency. There were twelve baskets of leftovers! Why not eleven or thirteen? There were twelve disciples. Even the Betrayer, Judas had provision. I imagine it wasn't until all had eaten, were filled, and the remnants gathered that the disciples got to eat. Can you imagine serving five thousand men plus wives and children? I imagine the disciples were exhausted by the running involved getting to and from the Saviour. Some of you know exactly how they felt. Probably not all were thankful for the free meal. Some may have even gorged themselves. Serving the Master will always cost you time and energy. Many will not appreciate you as you serve them the Lord's bounty. However, when everyone has gone, you get to sit and fellowship with the Lord as you enjoy basketfuls of provision multiplied well beyond their meager beginnings!

When God commands we must obey,
Our stubborn doubt must needs give way,
If we will serve throughout the day,
God will provide us all our stay. ~CGP

You will always have enough when you give away on God's command. It matters not the meager supply, it only matters that you obey. "Give them to eat." Giving is a Godly attribute. The disciples didn't share food with the crowd, they gave it to them, because to get more they simply returned to Christ. If we allow ourselves to be God's conduit of the "Bread of Life" to the starving multitudes, we will always have enough. Abilities are not in question when you serve the Master. If you lack, go to God. He never runs out. They started with "enough," and ended with excess. They probably had enough for the next day as well. You can never outgive God!

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure (amount) that ye mete (give) withal it shall be measured (given) to you again." Luke 6:38 KJV