

**BE FRUITFUL, MULTIPLY, AND
FILL THE EARTH**

Genesis 1:28

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- **These are the words given by God to Adam and Eve.**
- **Perhaps, we should call it the “Creation Mandate.”**
- **My belief is that God intended them to reproduce godly offspring with which to fill this earth. Sadly, they didn’t make it even to their first child before things went south.**
- **Certainly, by their first litter, sin had made its mark (pun intended) and by Gen. 6:5 it was real bad.**

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- **These words are again spoken in Gen. 9:7 to Noah and his family.**
- **I suppose we will call this the “Post-Diluvian Mandate.”**
- **As with the first occasion in Gen. 1:28, my assumption is that God also intended for Noah’s family to reproduce godly seed and fill the earth.**
- **But, considering our current environment that trend doesn’t seem to have become popular either.**

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- **There is a similar directive given in the New Test.**
- **Matt. 28:19-20, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.....”**
- **This could be called the “Post-Resurrection Mandate.”**
- **Probably better known as the “Great Commission.”**

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- **Do we really appreciate the fact that we are commanded to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth?**
 - **What Jesus has in mind folks, as made apparent in Matt. 28, is that we multiply godliness on this earth. That spiritual offspring be reproduced.**
 - **Matt. 5:14-16**

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- **I have had a change of heart about a few things recently.**
- **At one point, I truly questioned whether I wanted my children to have children.**
- **It scares me quite a bit to think about the world they will grow up in.**
- **But, I have adjusted my thinking on this for two reasons:**

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- **The first reason is because it is our responsibility to produce offspring that will be a blessing to this world and carry on God's spiritual torch.**
 - **If godly homes are going to be restored, then someone needs to have been a part of one.**
- **The second reason comes as a result of an incident that I was involved with recently.**
 - **I had a car accident and what transpired broke my heart.**

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- **How do we do this?**
- **START WORKING ON ME!!!!**
 - **II Peter 1:3-8**
- **START WORKING FOR OTHERS!!!!**
 - **Be concerned about others- Rom. 10:1; Tit. 3:14**
- **START WORKING WITH CHRIST!!!!**
 - **John 15:1-8**