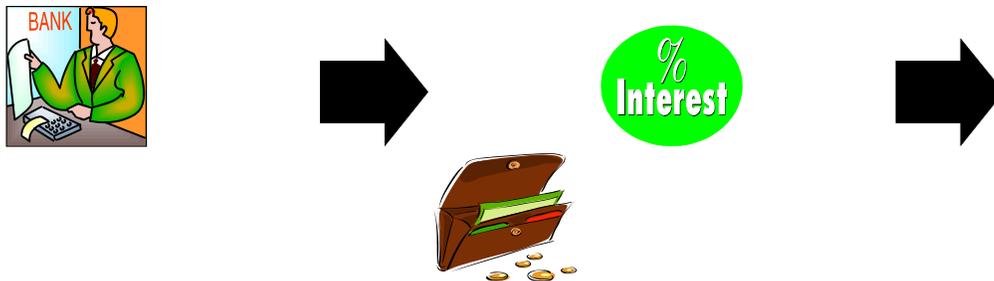


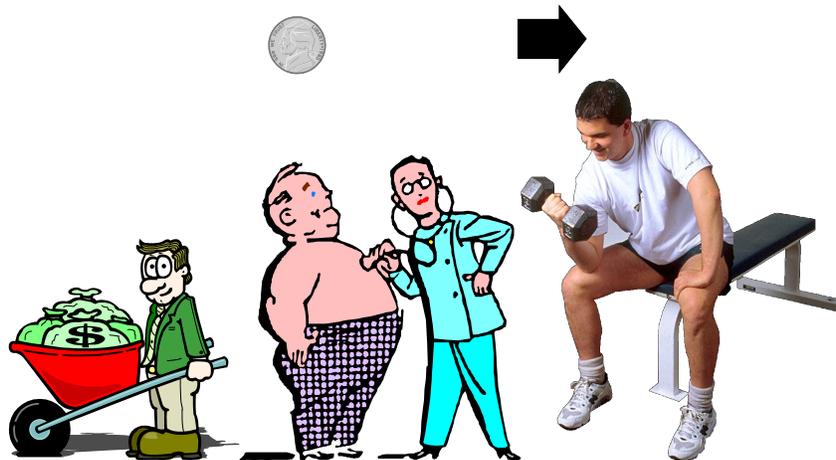
LESSON ON TITHING

God has blessed us with all that He has given us; all that He requires is 10%. It's an investment with an eternal gain. While the financial institutions of this life grant an increase on what you have, God blesses you on what you give, while using man as an instrument to multiply, that which He has already given you. Therefore resulting in a multiplication in what you receive.

Demonstration:



Money in Bank + 2% Interest Rate = Little Return
Time + Work = Little Pay, Time & Energy Lost



10% Tithe to God = 100% Increase, Life, Good Health & Strength
10% Time (Prayer, Sunday School etc.) = 100% Increase, Life, Good Health & Strength

So it seems to me, that with God your loss is miniature in comparison to the accumulated wealth and gain that is received. 10% no longer seems a loss; it's more like an investment that benefits your present and future. No 401K can beat this coverage...

Don't just take my word for it. Now let's add some scriptural support with God's Word:

WE ARE COMMANDED TO TITHE

Malachi 3:10: *Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there be meat in mine house...*

- Your tithes are used to bless the House Of God, and to maintain it. It strengthens and keeps it running efficiently and effectively.

... and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

- Go ahead and try Him and His Word. He said that He would open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing; so much that, you will have it to the overflowing. That means, you'll have so much added to you, you will have what it takes to be a blessing to someone else. Now, you can give generously the way you would like to be able to on every occasion.

Malachi 3:11: *And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts.*

- The bible doesn't just end with verse 10 about the promise of His blessings, it goes further to say, that by tithing, He'll rebuke the thief of your money, and protect your investments, and ensure that you reap a harvest (even when the stocks are low)... all these blessings are added when you pay your tithes.

Mo Knowledge: To get this same type of coverage, you would have to spend for security, spend on insurance, and

spend time & energy on the interest gain. It's gonna cost you something...

WHAT IS TITHING?

Tithing is the practice of giving 10 percent on one's gross income to the Lord.

Example:

Gross Pay: \$1000	Taxes & Benefits: \$100	Net Pay: \$900	Tithes: \$100
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WHY SHOULD WE TITHE?

Matthew 22:31: *...Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.*

- If God said it, then so shall it be. We pay taxes, whether or not we want to. Uncle Sam takes his money first, and at the end of the year refunds less than half what was taken. God says, give Him 10% off the gross, so that He may bless you always.

HOW SHOULD WE GIVE TITHES?

2 Corinthians 9:7: *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

- The Giver is to have a willing heart and a sincere desire to participate in the offering. Giving is not a joke. It is serious business, but it is a delightful experience all the same.

REMEMBER THE PROMISE

Luke 6:38: *Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.*

- You'll be blessed so well that God will use people to bless you so immensely, that it'll be compacted and yet running over.

IT'S A PRINCIPLE

2 Corinthians 9:6: *But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*

Galatians 6:7: *... for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

It makes sense to tithe. Not only is it God's Word, but it is also His promise to bless us. The little I give today, has by far a greater return on earth and in heaven. I pray the Lord will help you to give today. May the blessings of the Lord be upon you, as you yield to His Word, and follow his direction. Be blessed my brother and sister, today and forevermore...