

# Sowing Lessons

2 Corinthians 9:6-15



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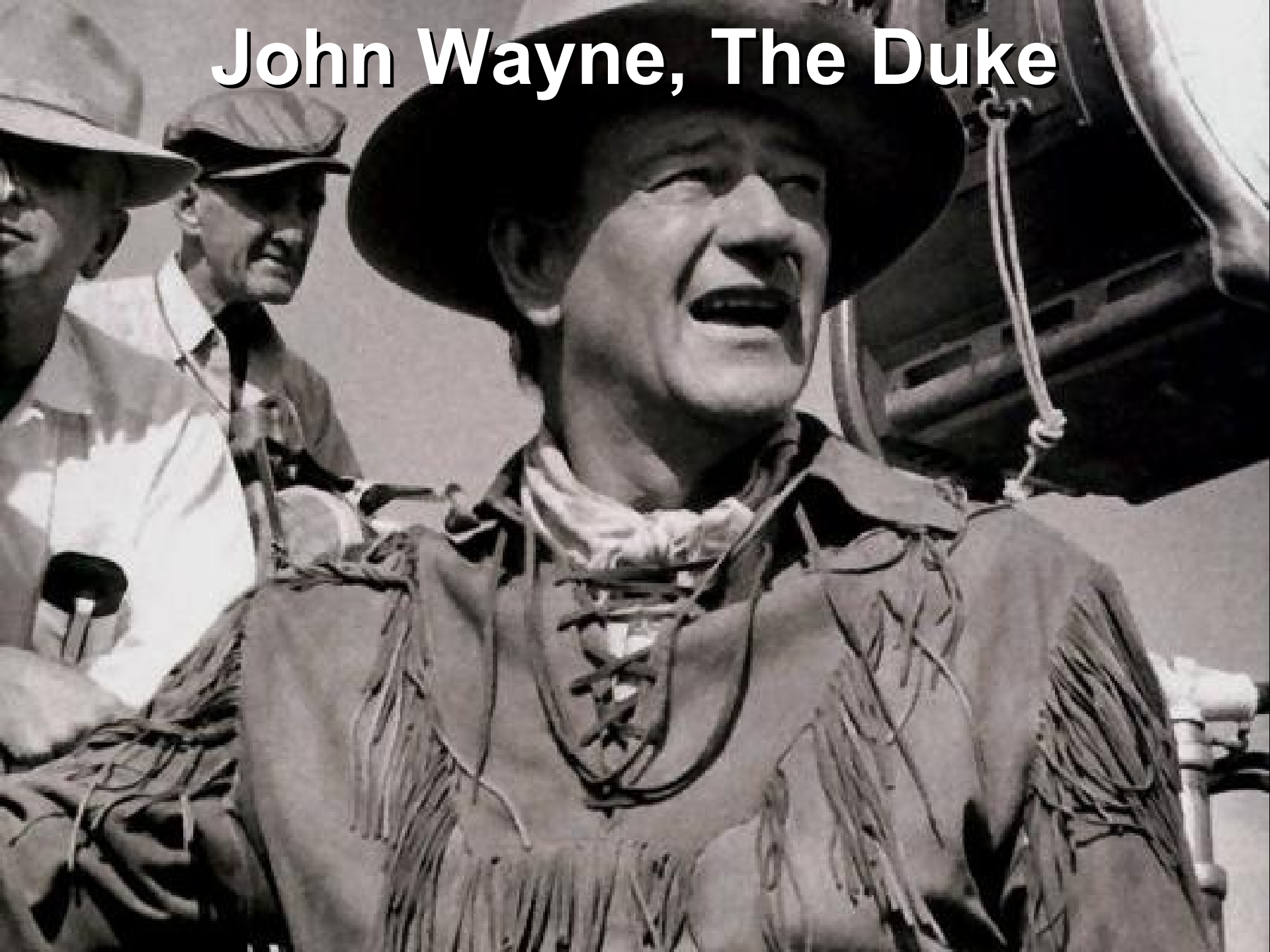
Name what comes to mind when I say...



**MONEY**



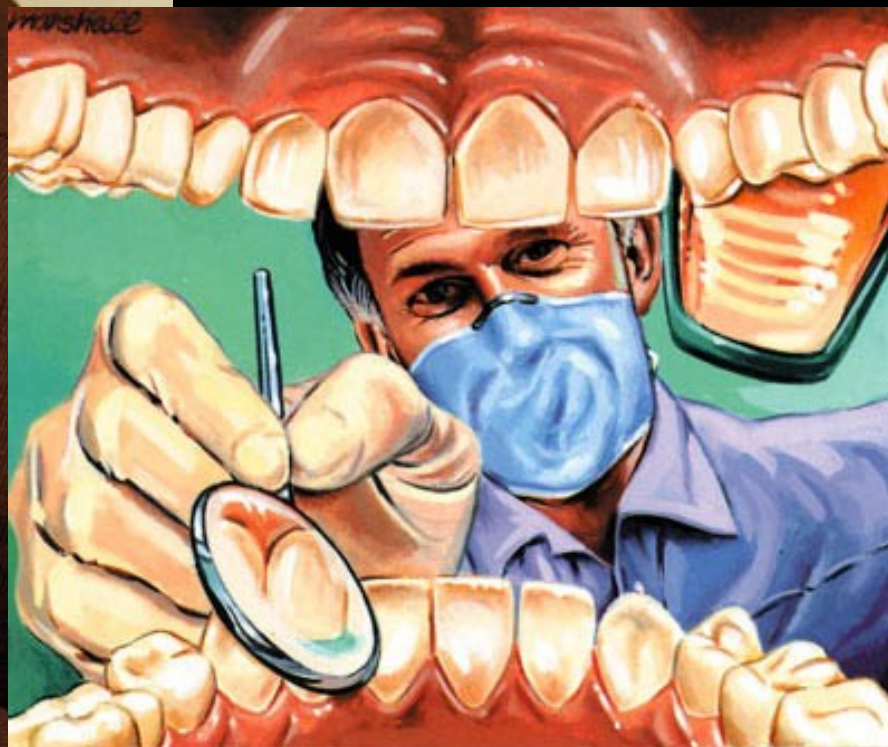
# John Wayne, The Duke



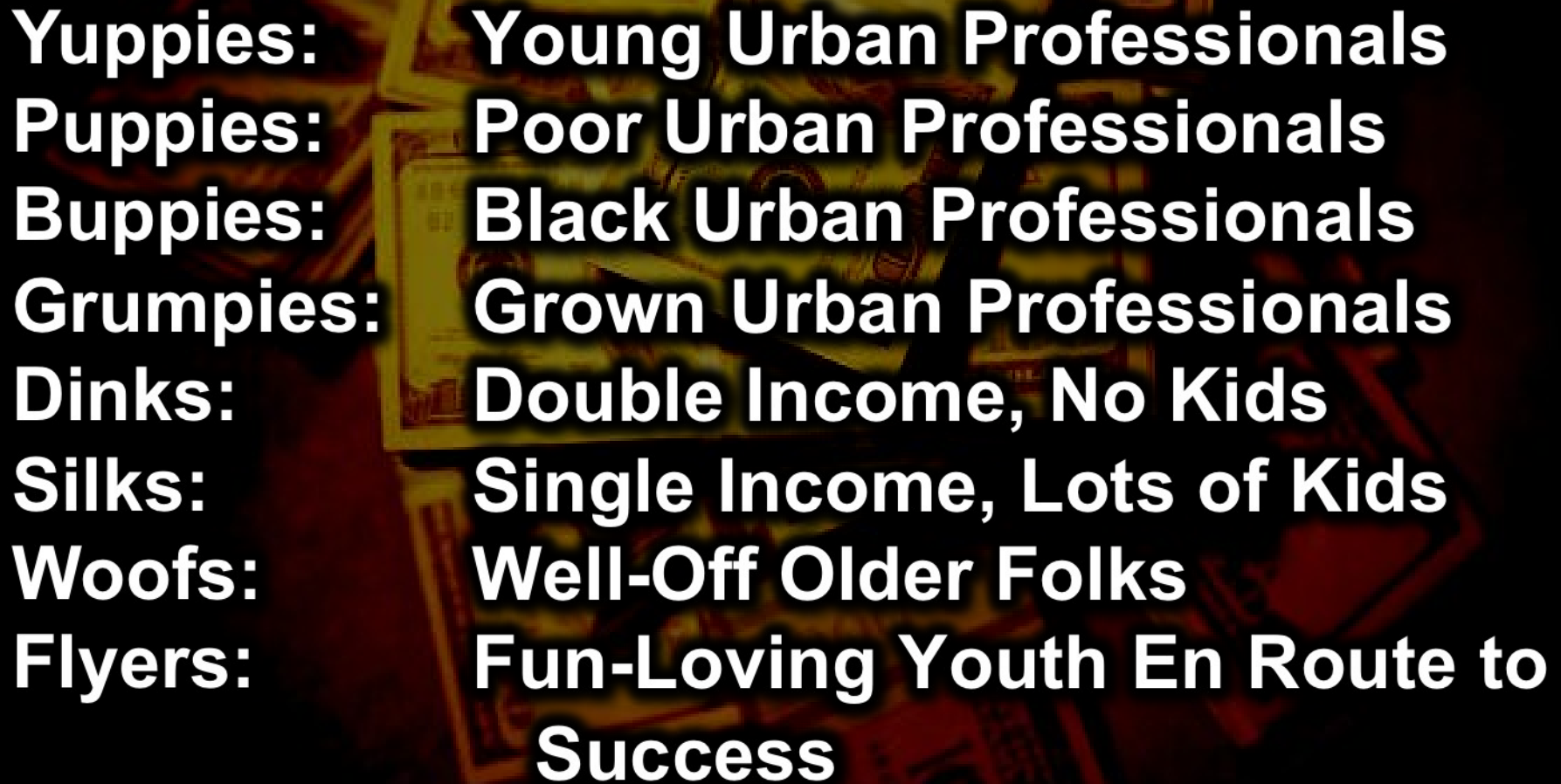
# The Rich Man & Lazarus







# Money & Titles



<b>Yuppies:</b>	<b>Young Urban Professionals</b>
<b>Puppies:</b>	<b>Poor Urban Professionals</b>
<b>Buppies:</b>	<b>Black Urban Professionals</b>
<b>Grumpies:</b>	<b>Grown Urban Professionals</b>
<b>Dinks:</b>	<b>Double Income, No Kids</b>
<b>Silks:</b>	<b>Single Income, Lots of Kids</b>
<b>Woofs:</b>	<b>Well-Off Older Folks</b>
<b>Flyers:</b>	<b>Fun-Loving Youth En Route to Success</b>

**Last week...**



**How to Get Rich**  
**2 Corinthians 8:1-15**



# How we can really



**2 Examples**

**3 Principles**



# Main Idea

We become rich when  
we **generously give our  
money away!**



Two questions on giving:



2 Corinthians 9:6

How **much**?

What **results**?

- Key Principle

- Benefits

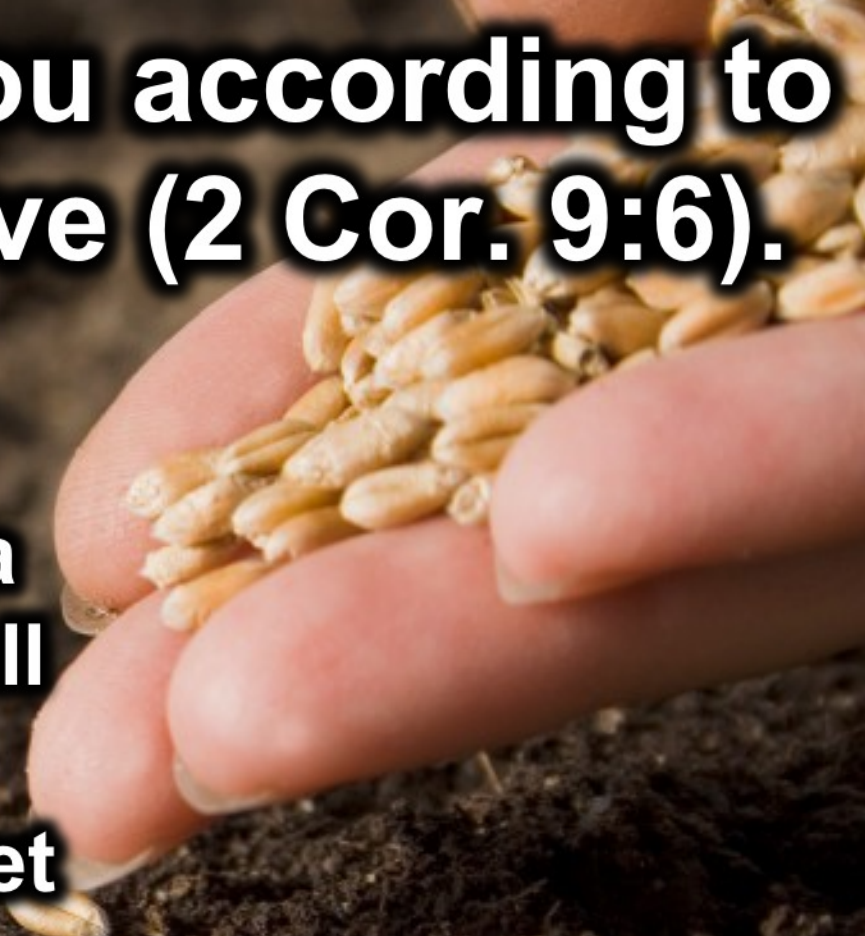
I. **Principle**: You decide how much you want to get blessed (2 Cor. 9:6-7a).





**A. God blesses you according to how much you give (2 Cor. 9:6).**

**"Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop" (NLT).**



***Rule #1 of Agriculture...***

**Plant little, harvest little  
Plant much, harvest much**



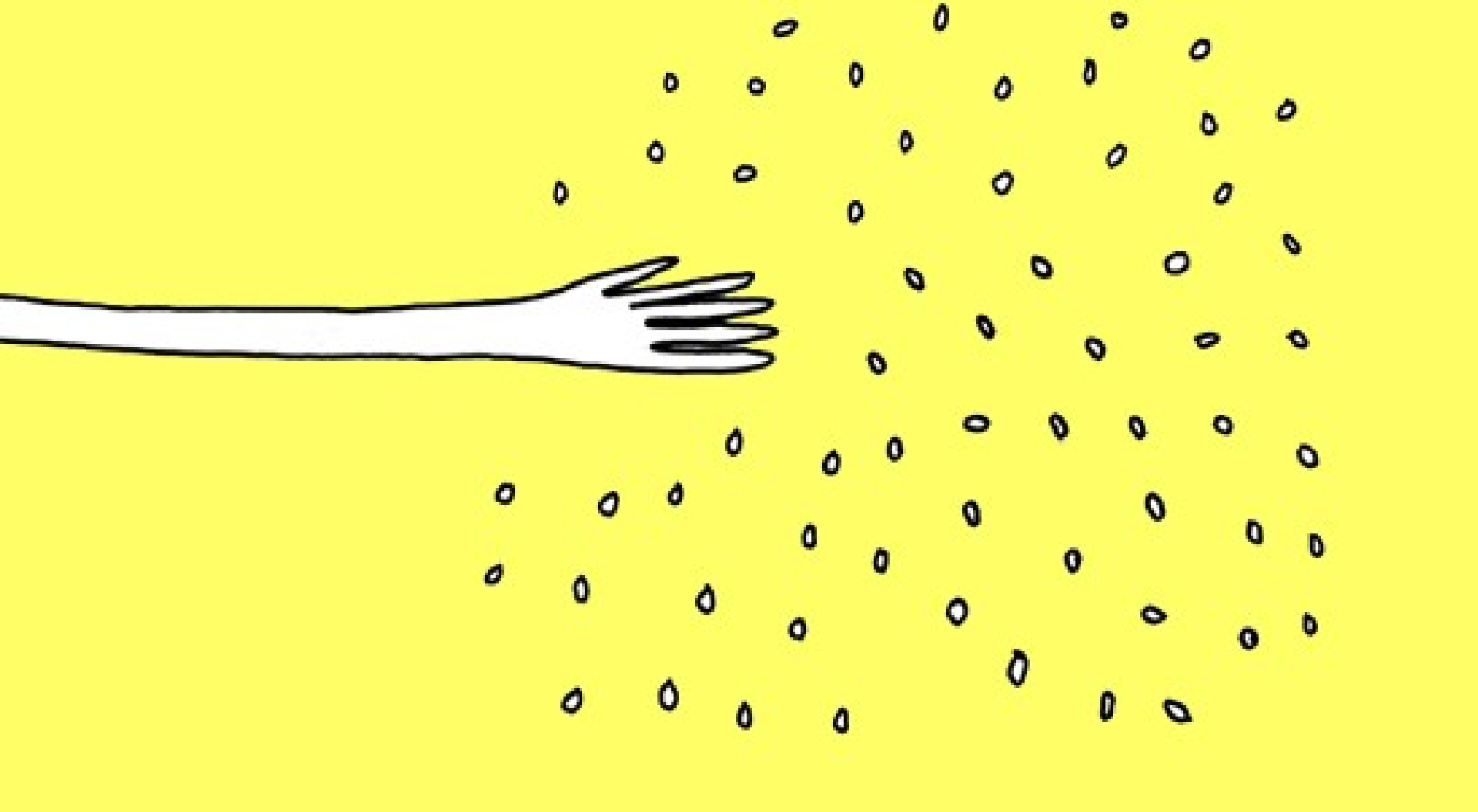


"The only investments I ever made which have paid constantly increasing dividends, is the money I have given to the Lord."



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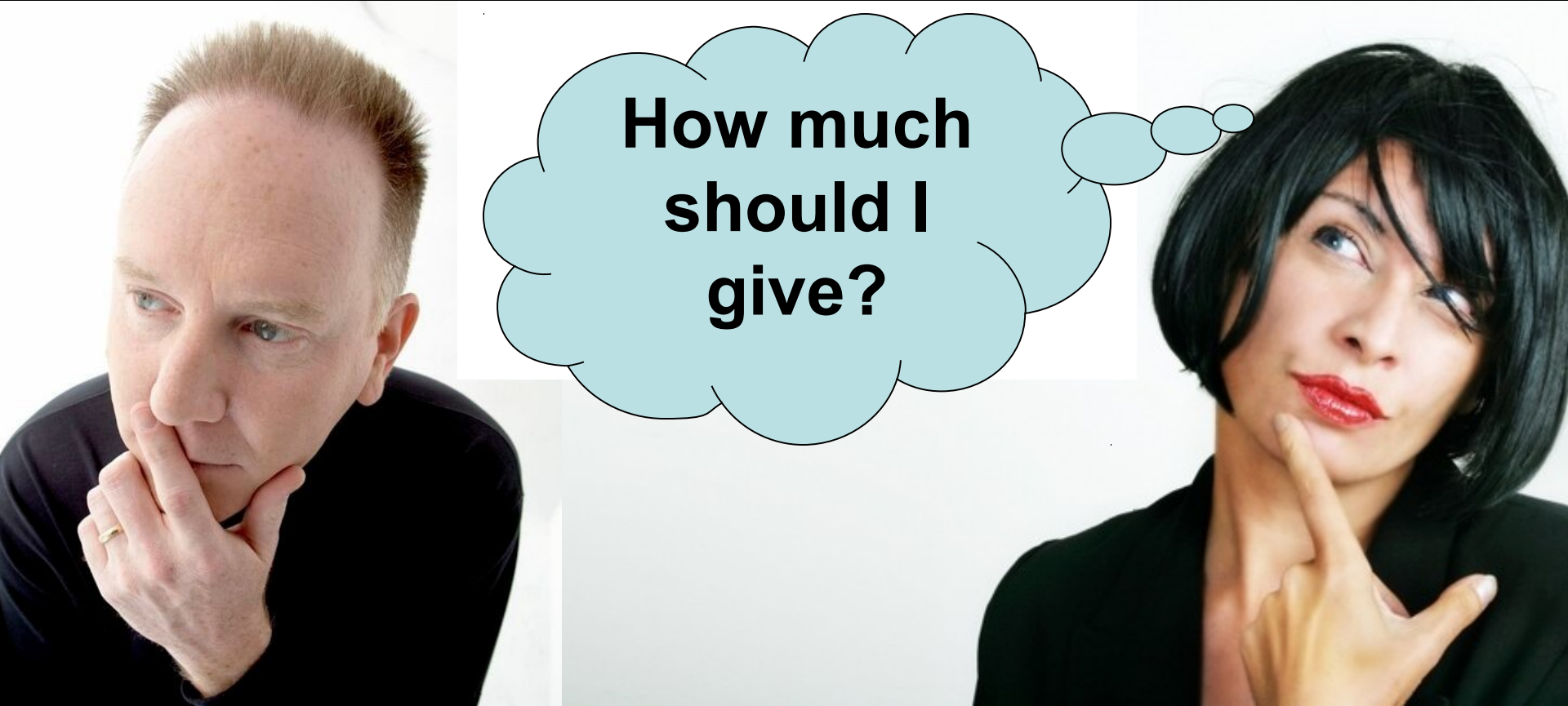




**No one can take away your investments  
sent up to heaven ahead of you.**

## B. How much you give is a personal decision (2 Cor. 9:7a).

**"You must each decide** in your heart how much to give" (NLT).



How much  
should I  
give?

# ***The OT Tithe***

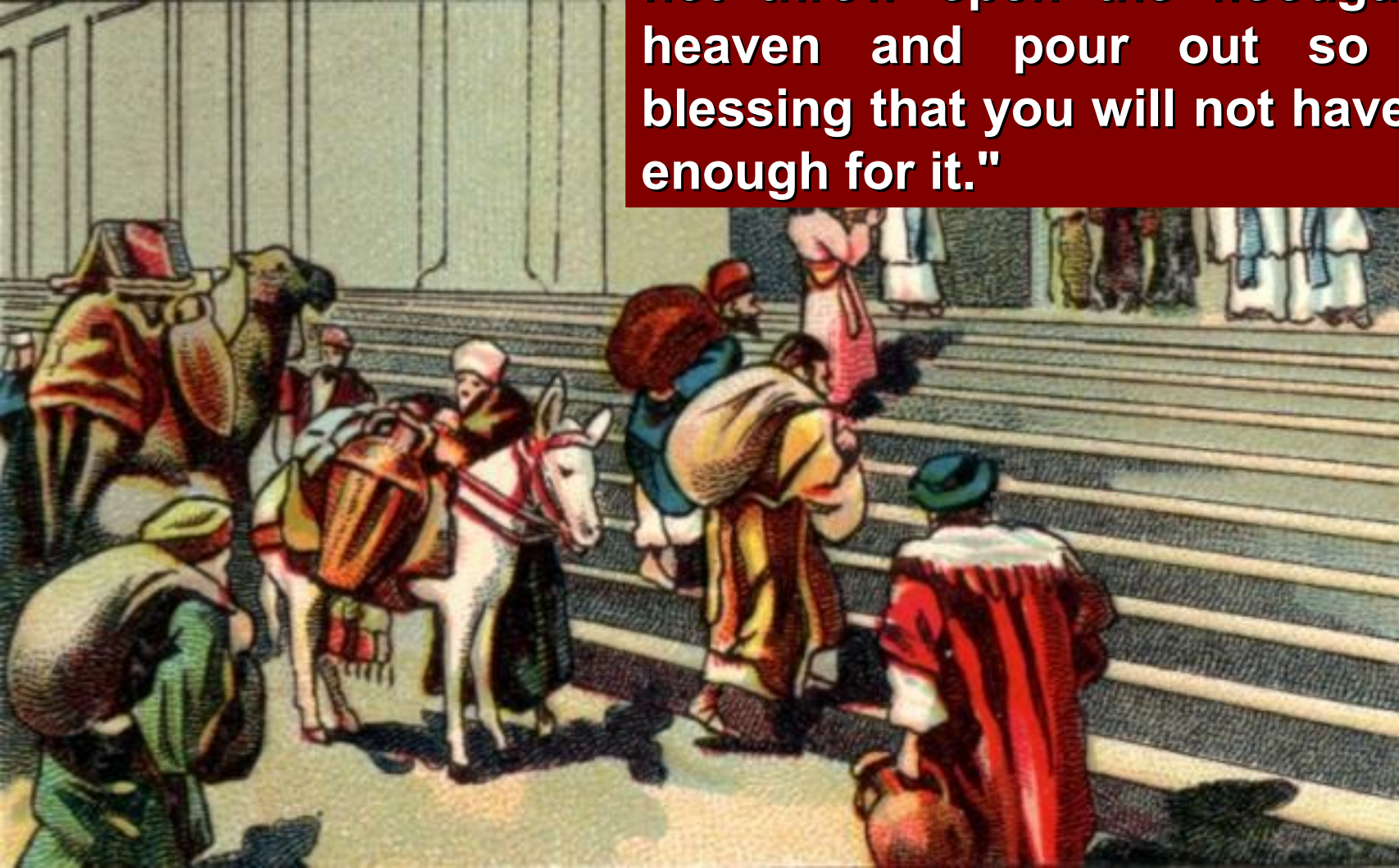
**Leviticus 27:30—  
"A tithe of everything  
from the land, whether  
grain from the soil or  
fruit from the trees,  
belongs to the LORD;  
it is holy to the LORD."**





# Malachi 3:10

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."



# Is tithing for today?

# The Tithing Hoax

Exposing the Lies, Misinterpretations  
& False Teachings about Tithing

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## Tithing....Its Scripture

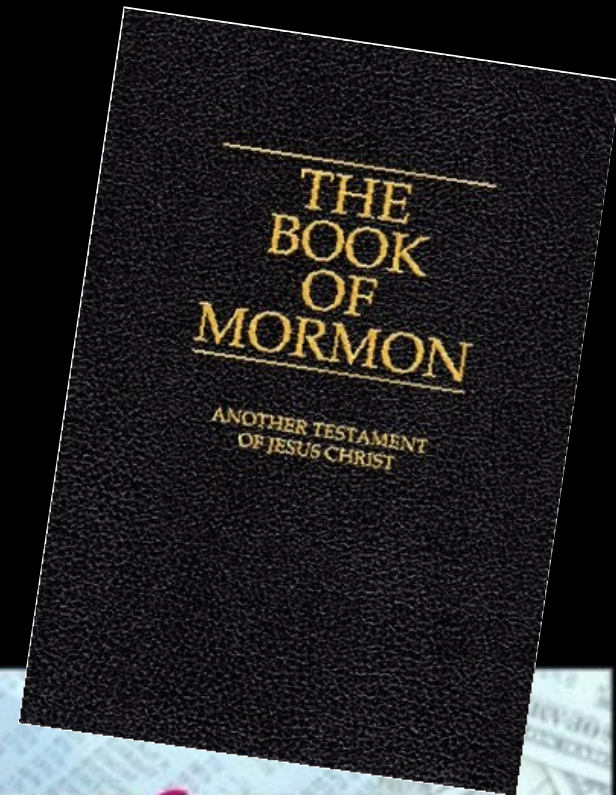
Luke 8:3; 10:7-8; 2 Corinthians 11:7-9;  
and Philippians 4:14-18





# Many Tithe Today...

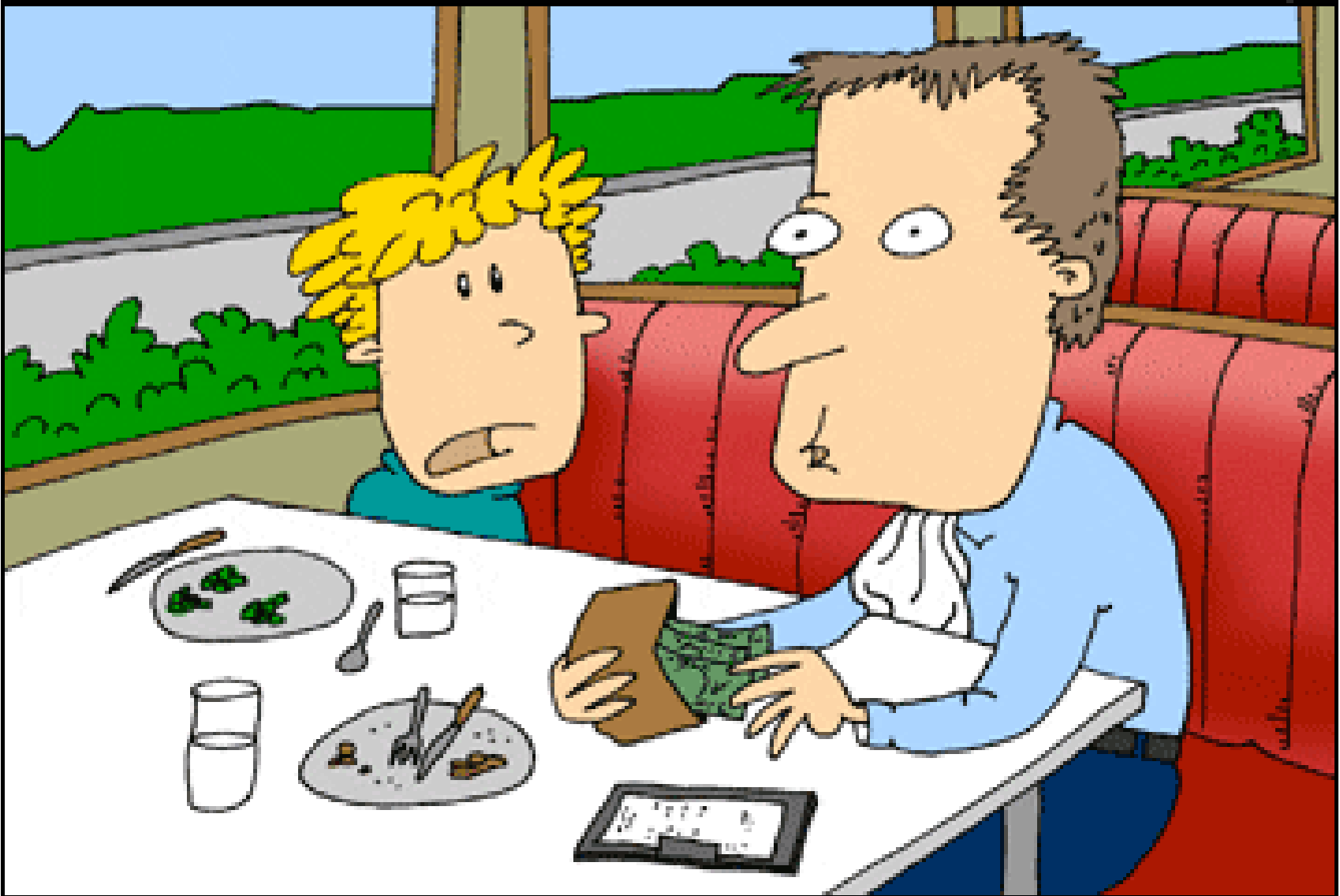
TITHING  
THE LORD'S LAW



10% of  
**EVERY**thing?

Tithing in the new economy



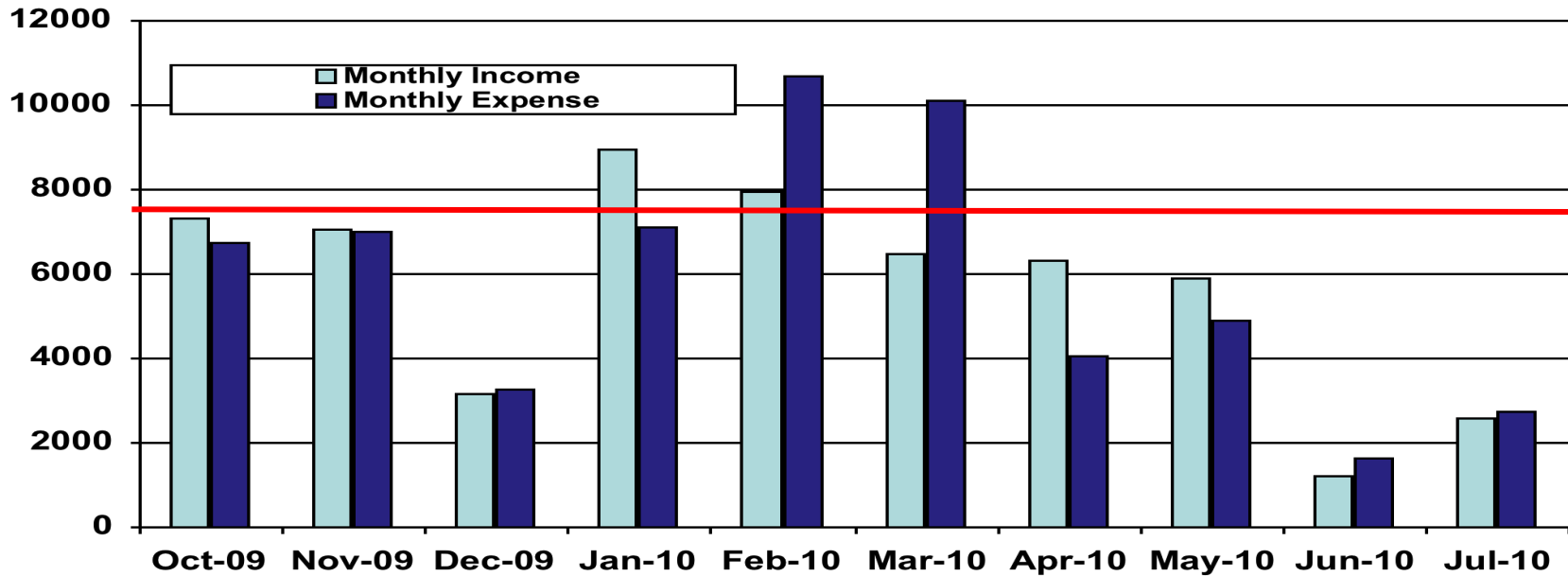


Thanks to Shirley Ostrander

01-15-2004

**How come the waitress gets 15%  
and God only gets 10%?**

# CIC Financials Oct 2009 to Jul 2010



**We met the \$7500 budget 2 out of 10 months.**

**Monthly giving was from \$210 to \$31 per family.**



# The Math...





# Potential Pastors Considered

**Blane Hall**

**Dan Jensen**

**David Allen**

**Jack Hanks**

**John Lowrey**

**Kevin Green**

**Michael Holmes**

**Michael Karpf**

**Russ Bowers**

**Tom Emmons**

**Tim Whetstone**

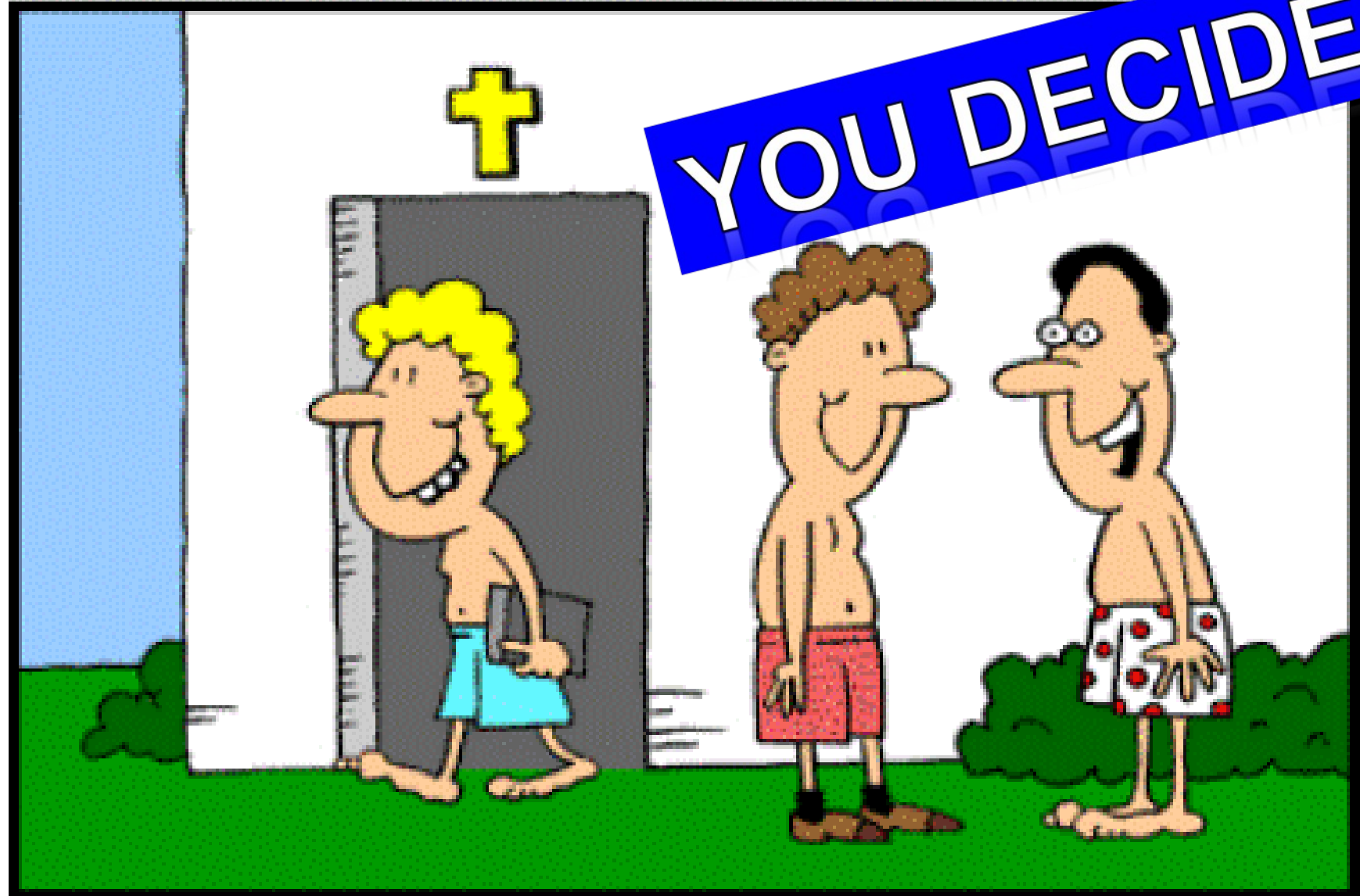
**Pastor #12??**

**2007-2010**

**But isn't that pledging?**

**THE SKINNY  
ON  
TITHING**

**YOU DECIDE!**



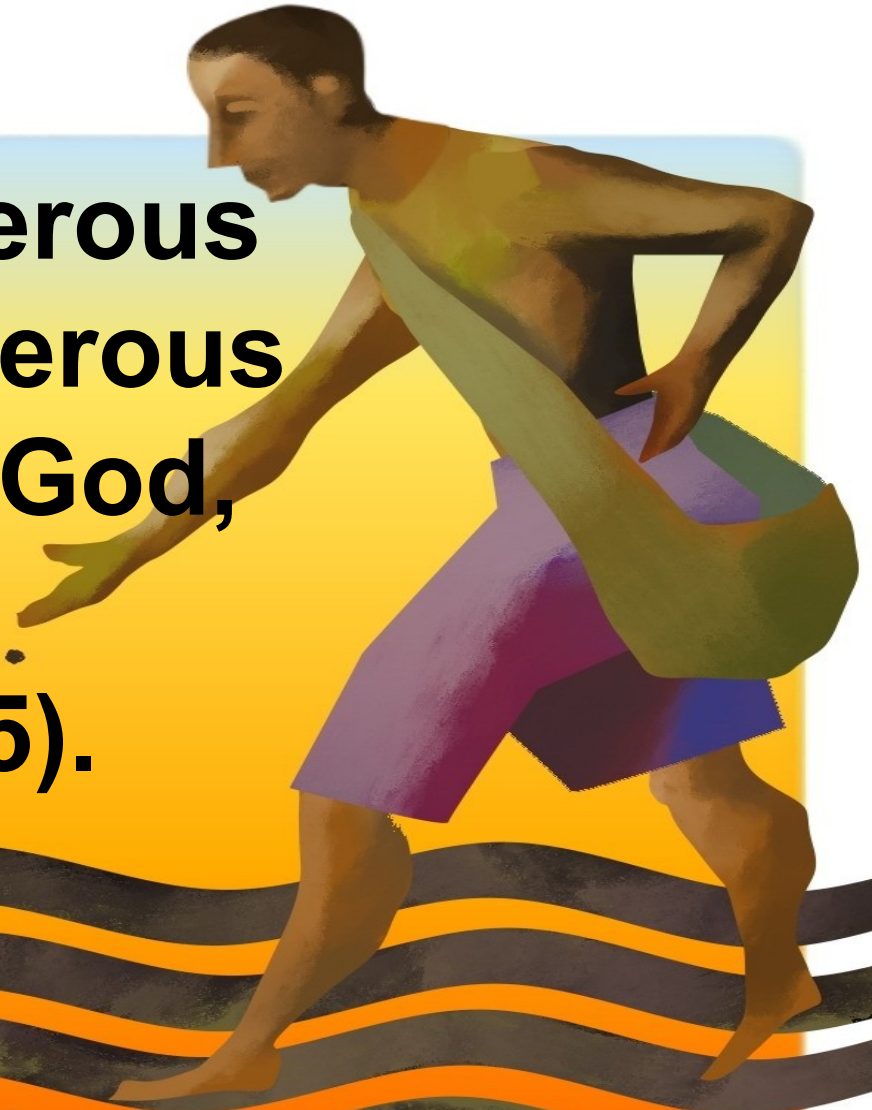
**Wow...That was the best sermon on tithing that I've ever been to.**



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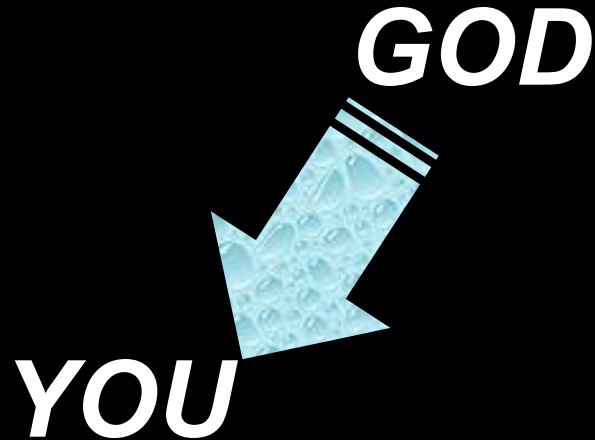


**II. Benefits: Generous giving yields generous returns for you, God, and others (2 Cor. 9:7b-15).**



## *II. Benefits of Generosity...*

### *A. God blesses **you** (2 Cor. 9:7b-11a).*

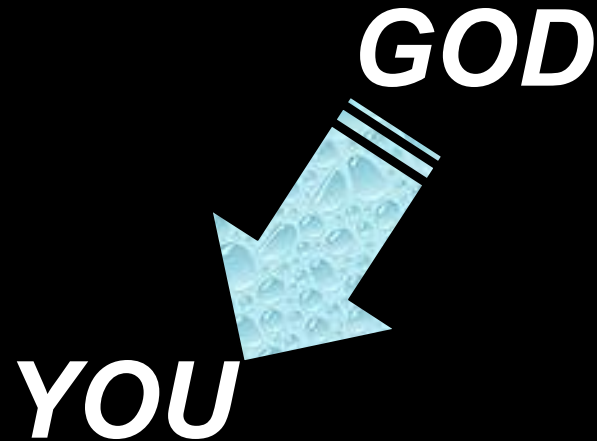


#### **1. God is pleased with you (7b).**

"And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully'" (NLT).

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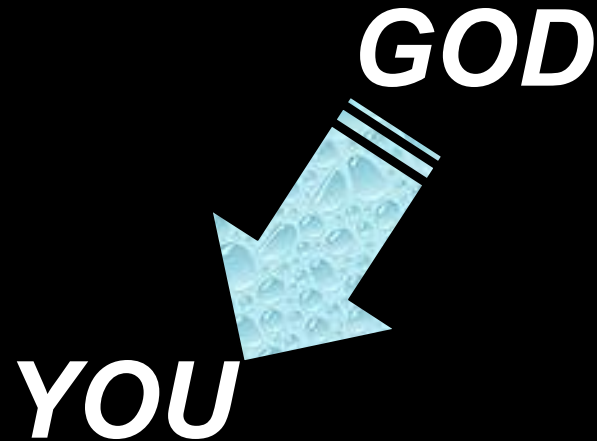
**2. God meets your every need (8a).**

**"And God will generously provide all you need" (NLT).**



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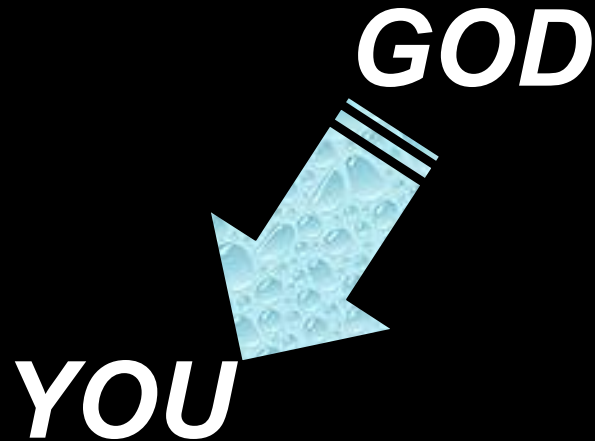


**3. God increases your ability to give to others (8b-11a).**

"Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. <sup>9</sup>As the Scriptures say, 'They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever'" (NLT).

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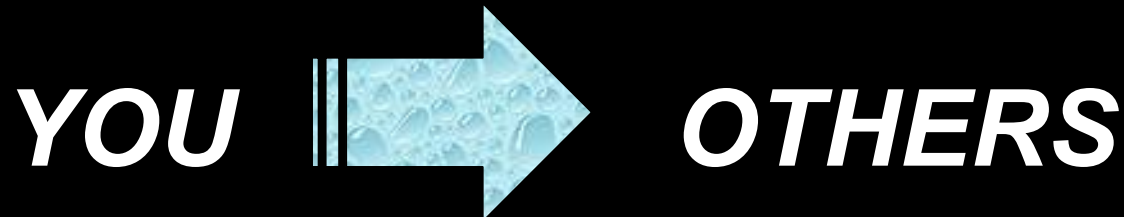
**3. God increases your ability to give to others (8b-11a).**

"For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. <sup>11</sup>Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous" (NLT).

## *II. Benefits of Generosity...*

*B. You bless **others** (2 Cor. 9:11b-12a).*

**GOD**



**1. Recipients of gifts realize God alone meets their needs (11b).**

**"And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God" (NLT).**

## *II. Benefits of Generosity...*

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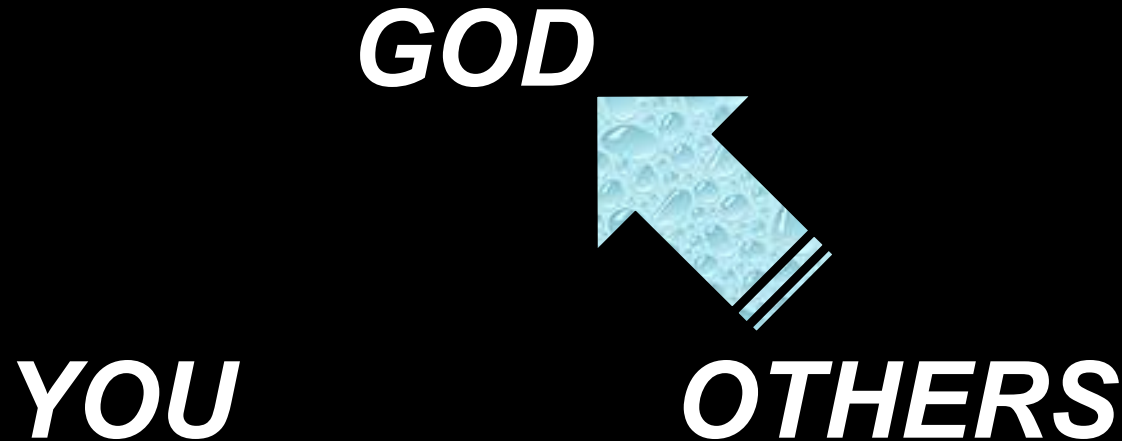
**2. The needs of others are met (12a).**

**"<sup>12</sup>So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers will be met..."**



## *II. Benefits of Generosity...*

*C. Others bless **God** (2 Cor. 9:12b-13).*



"and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.  
<sup>13</sup>As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God.  
For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove  
that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ" (NLT).

## II. Benefits of Generosity...

D. Others bless **you** (2 Cor. 9:14-15).

**GOD**



"And they will **pray for you** with **deep affection** because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. <sup>15</sup>**Thank God for his gift** too wonderful for words!" (NLT adapted).

# The Best Example...

We come into the world with **nothing** and spend all our days **accumulating** as much as we can.

Christ came into the world with **everything** and spent all His days **distributing** as much as He could.

# The Main Idea of 2 Cor. 9:6-15

Decide to  **bless**  God, yourself, and others by generous giving —so at least **tithe**.







**"Tithe? You're  
kidding!  
On what I make?"**

**John D. Rockefeller, Sr., said,  
"I never would have been able to  
tithe the first million dollars I made  
if I had not tithed my first salary,  
which was \$1.50 a week."**

**""Test me now,' says the Lord."  
See if you can tithe  
and still be in need!**



# "Risk" tithing





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