

**IF +
THEN =**

the equation for blessing

If we put our faith in God's advice, then God will channel His power to bring about our blessing.

IF + THEN = OVERFLOW

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Proverbs 3:9-10 (NLT)

⁹Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; ¹⁰then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10 (ESV)

*If (We Honor God With Our Income) +
Then (God's Power) = Overflow*

Overflow: more than you currently have or need; to burst out, as if a breach through a wall; to flow or run over a limit.

⁶Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

Our **overflow** should impact our community from the **cradle to college!**

HONOR GOD FOR HIS PROVISION

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Honor begins in the heart and flows from our faith. It is sincerely attributing the provision of God to God.



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²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

Our Hearts and Treasure Go Together!

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“There is nothing wrong with men possessing riches. The wrong comes when riches possess men.” - Billy Graham

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¹This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, ²and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.”...⁴ Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder!

Hebrews 7:1-2, 4 (NIV)

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.”

Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)

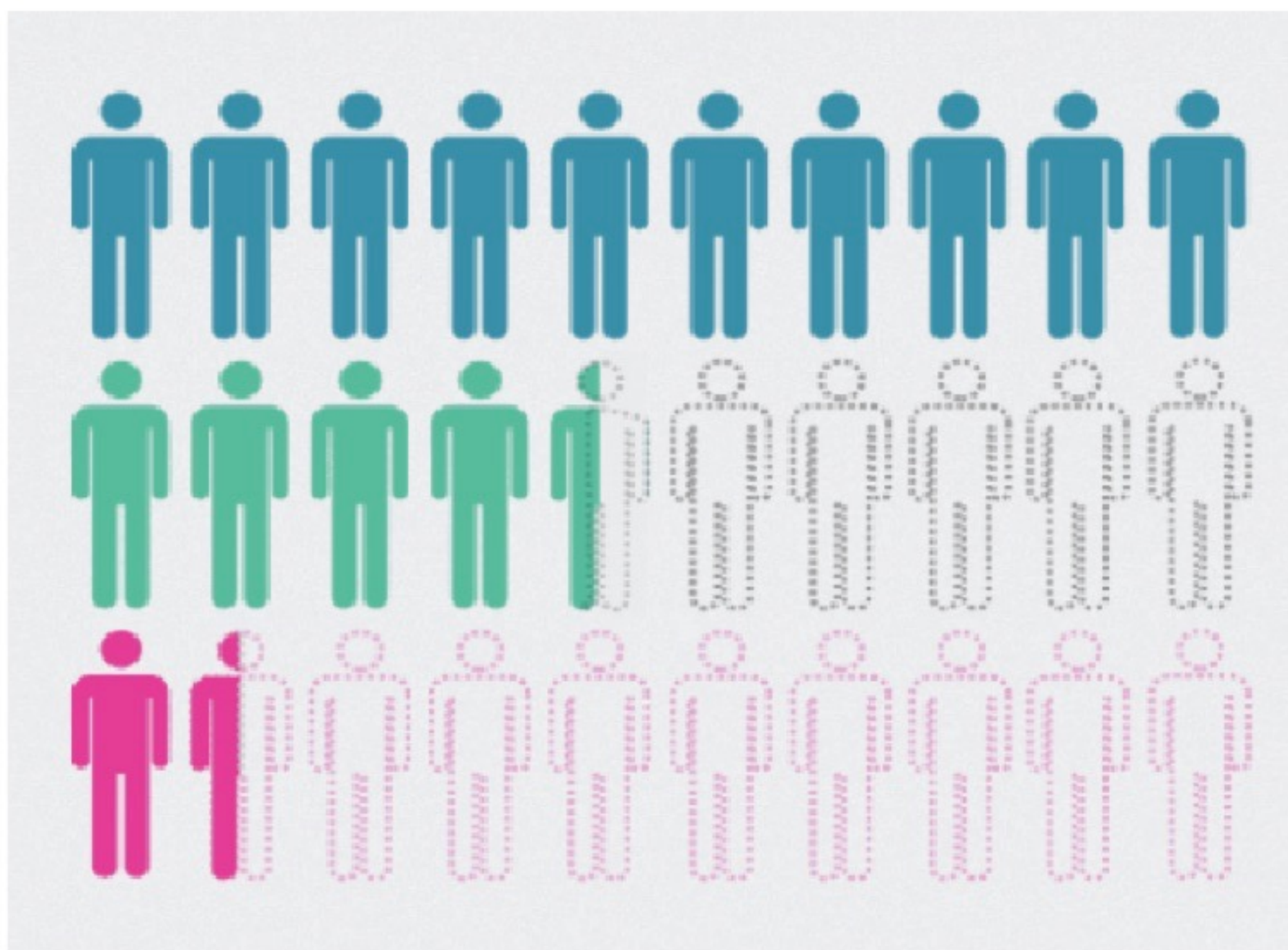
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¹⁰“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

²³“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”

Matthew 23:23 (NIV)



247 Million U.S. citizens claim to be Christian.

Up to 99 million say they go to church.

Yet only 1.5 million tithe.

Individuals with a salary of less than \$20k are 8x more likely to give than someone who makes \$75k.

8/10 tithers have **zero** credit card debt.

Courtesy of ShareFaith Magazine

OUR 100%



GOD'S 90%



HONOR GOD WITH HIS PROVISION

Giving God the Tithe as Your Firstfruits Comes Before the Overflow!

The following began to tithe when they were poor, and then God grew their wealth:

- Henry P. Crowell, Founder of Quaker Oats Co.
- William Colgate, Founder of Colgate-Palmolive
- William Procter, Founder of Procter and Gamble, Co.
- J.C. Penney, Founder of J.C. Penney
- J.L. Kraft, Founder of Kraft Cheese, Co.
- John D. Rockefeller, Sr., Founder of American Standard Oil

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“My first wages amounted to \$1.50 per week. The first week after I went to work, I took the \$1.50 home to my mother and she held the money in her lap and explained to me that she would be happy if I would give a tenth to the Lord.

I did, and from that week until this day I have tithed every dollar God has entrusted to me. And I want to say, if I had not tithed the first dollar I made I would not have tithed the first million dollars I made.”

When he died in 1937, his assets equaled 1.5% of America’s total economic output.

HONOR GOD THROUGH HIS PROVISION

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⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)

HONOR GOD THROUGH HIS PROVISION

Respect the Resources He Gives You Through Wise Stewardship:

1. Get A Budget
2. Get Out of Debt
3. Save
4. Give Offerings and Be Generous
5. Don't Spend Your Resources on Dishonorable Things or Practices

The Misery of Lottery Winners

Proof that money can't buy happiness



Charles Riddle won the lottery in 1975. After getting divorced quickly and facing several lawsuits, he was arrested for selling cocaine.

William “Bud” Post won \$16.2 million in 1988. He was sued by a former girlfriend who wanted the money, and his brother hired a hit man, hoping to murder him and inherit it. He was \$1 million in debt in a year and later went to jail for shooting a gun over a bill collector’s head. Post called winning the money a “nightmare.” He died in 2006 after declaring bankruptcy.

Jeffrey Dampier won \$20 million in 1996. Dampier bought homes for relatives. Several years later, a sister-in-law and her boyfriend kidnapped and murdered him for the money.

John McGuinness won £10 million in 1997. He bought luxury cars and went on vacations, then lost all his money, went back to work and applied for subsidized housing. McGuinness commented, “I just want my life to get back to the way it was before.”

Billie Bob Harrell, Jr. won \$31 million in 1997. Harrell used the money to purchase a ranch, homes and cars for himself and family members. His spending and lending spiraled out of control. Harrell divorced, and just 20 months after winning the money, he committed suicide using a shotgun.

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Victoria Zell won \$11 million in 2001. Zell landed in prison after a drug- and alcohol-induced collision that paralyzed one person and killed another.

Jack Whittaker won \$315 million in 2002. After winning, his life involved arrests, shattered relationships, lawsuits, and the death of loved ones. Whittaker later said he wished he had “torn up the ticket.”

Callie Rogers won \$3 million in 2003. Sixteen-year-old Rogers spent the money on fancy cars, gifts, lavish vacations, and plastic surgery. An ex-boyfriend got her hooked on cocaine, a habit she spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on, and she attempted suicide twice.

Keith Gough won £9 million in 2005. He bought racehorses, divorced his wife, was conned by a girlfriend, became an alcoholic, developed cirrhosis of the liver and died in 2010. He told a newspaper before his death, “My life was brilliant but the Lottery ruined everything...What’s the point of having money when it sends you to bed crying?”

Abraham Shakespeare won \$31 million in 2006. Shakespeare went missing in 2009 after spending most of the money. A few months later, his body was found under a slab of concrete.



The overflow of rivers lead to floodplains supporting agriculture.

“Floodplains like the Mississippi Valley in the American Midwest, the Nile River valley in Egypt, and the Tigris-Euphrates in the Middle East have supported agriculture for millennia because annual flooding has left millions of tons of nutrient-rich silt deposits behind.”
- *National Geographic*

