





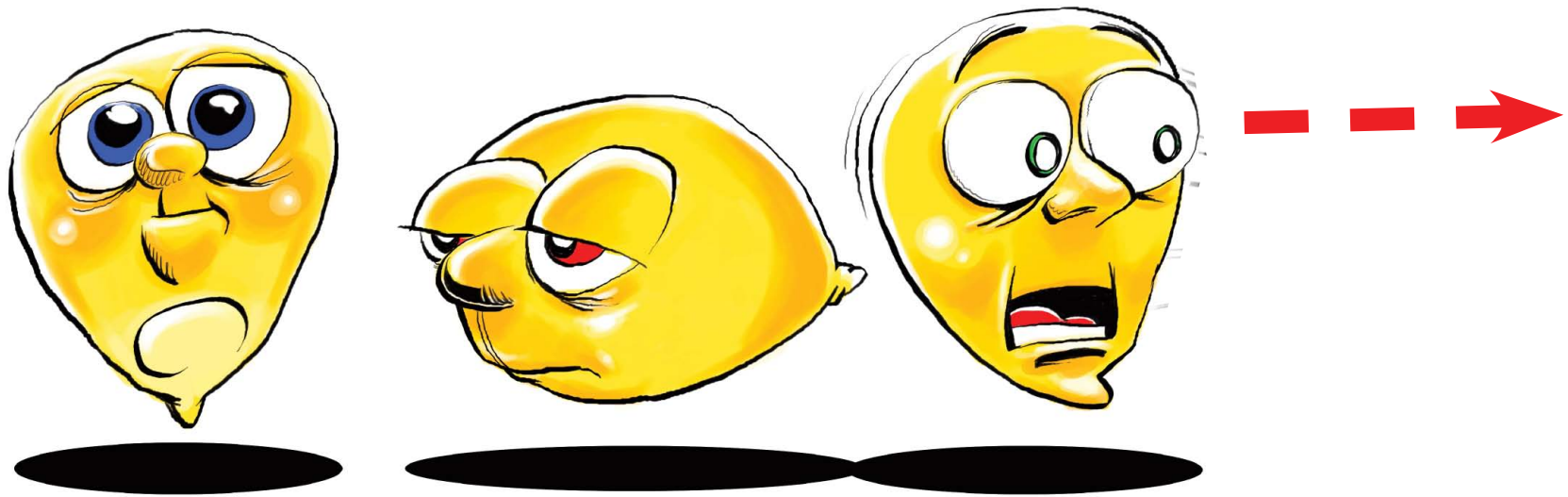


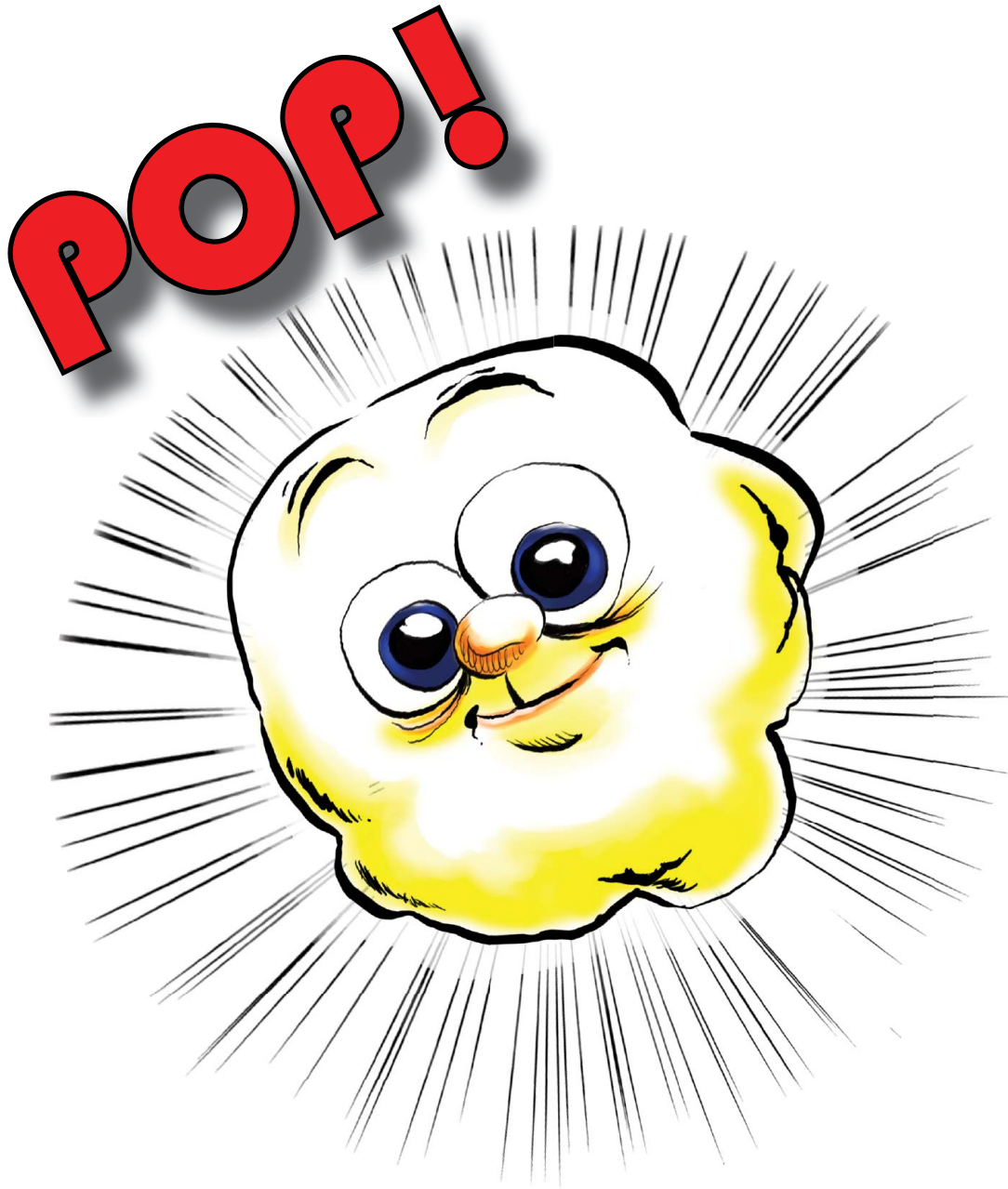
When you make **POPCORN**  
you pour oil into the pot,  
put it on the stove, and then  
add the kernels.

Even with the fire on, nothing happens right away, and you may wonder whether the kernels are any good, but within a minute or two they all start **POPPING**.



**In your youth, when you're studying and learning, you're like that popcorn on the stove of training, slowly soaking in the oil waiting for the right time to ...**





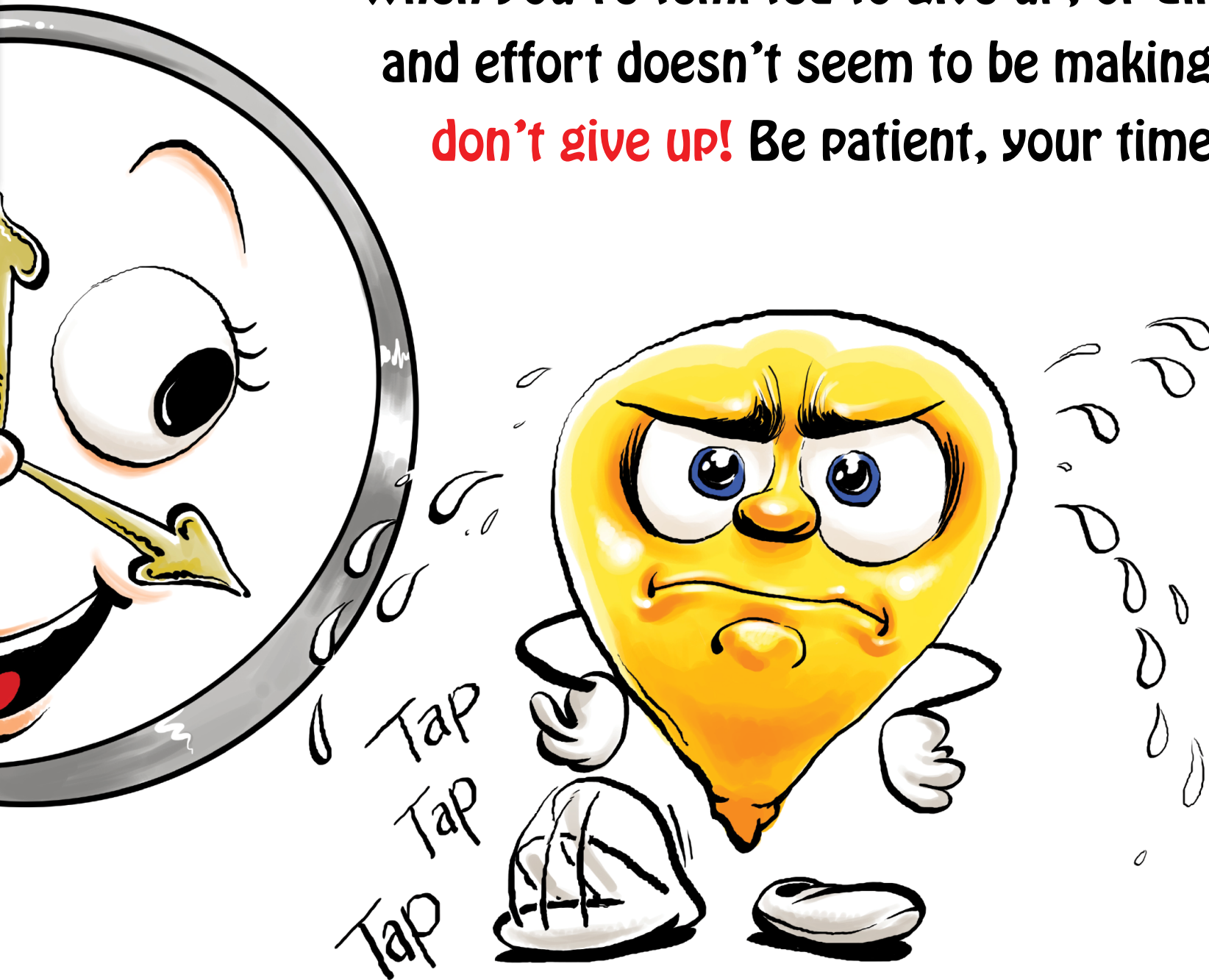
All the **POPCORN**  
doesn't POP at once.  
At the beginning  
only a couple kernels  
have POPPED, just  
like the things you  
learn take time to  
**blossom** and show  
themselves useful.



But soon, like that popcorn, there's going to be an explosion of the Lord's Spirit through you, and you're going to be **POPPIN'** all over the place!



When you're tempted to give up, or all your studying  
and effort doesn't seem to be making a difference,  
**don't give up!** Be patient, your time is coming.



**Keep at this time of training and learning! It won't be long before  
all that you've faithfully studied comes shining forth.**

**It's gonna happen!**







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