

Jesus:

I have created numerous laws to govern both the physical and spiritual worlds. What is a law? A physical “law” is something that I have put in place to govern elements of the physical world. For example, what Newton called the “law of universal gravitation”—which basically explains why the center of the earth attracts objects on or near the earth, or what Newton defined as the “law of inertia,” which describes how objects that are at rest will remain at rest, and objects in motion will remain in motion until something pushes or pulls on said object.

Just as I created physical laws, I also created spiritual laws to govern people’s actions, and I pour My blessings on those who obey My laws. One of these laws of the spirit is the law of giving and receiving, described in the Bible as “Give and it shall be given unto you” (Luke 6:38 KJV).



The “Giving and Receiving” Principle

Over time, great thinkers have discovered and articulated physical laws that I have established in nature, and have proven them to be unchanging. In the same manner, great men and women of faith over many years have found this law of “give and it shall be given unto you” to be unbreakable and true. When you give, you receive My blessings in some way. You can find many stories and promises in the Bible to help give you a foundation for this principle. Here are a few of the promises which you can look up in My Word:

- Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Luke 6:38 NIV).





• Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6–7 NIV).

• He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done. (Proverbs 19:17 NIV).

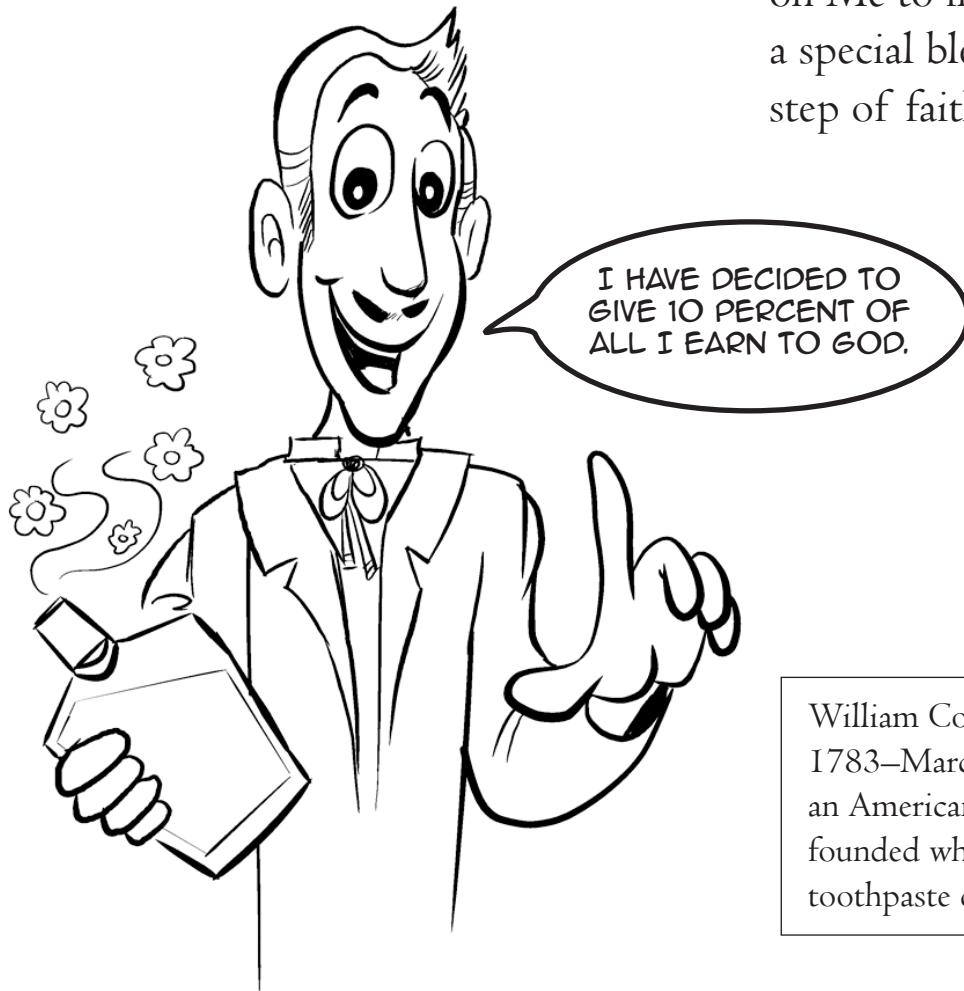
• "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." (Malachi 3:10 NIV).



Can you think of some Bible stories that back this "giving and receiving" principle?

Think of all of the great men and women of God, both in Bible times as well as in more recent years, who have found this to be true.

At times, it will involve daring faith to give something—whether it's something material or nonmaterial, but when you do, you can count on Me to in turn give you a special blessing for your step of faith to give.



William Colgate (January 25, 1783–March 25, 1857) was an American businessman who founded what became the Colgate toothpaste company in 1806.



*Ask
Jesus:*

Dear Jesus, I want to give Your law of “give and it shall be given unto you” a try. I want to experience You holding true to Your promises, just as You did for every person who has believed in this promise to date. Please lead me to two actions that I can take this week that involve giving to others.