

COGA NEWS



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YOUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY: *Part 6*

Our Gift of Prosperous Increase



Bishop Cecil Reid

YOUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY: You have many gifts which you may not have received because you were not aware you had them. This series started in March and for the next few months we will continue to explore these amazing gifts.

Our Gift of Prosperous Increase

A "Gift" is a present that is tangible or intangible endowed.

- It is usually unaccompanied by hard work or strenuous effort on the part of the recipient.
- It may be given as an expression of friendship, affection, appreciation or esteem.

The word "increase" means "to cause to become greater in size, amount, degree, to add to; to multiply."

The secret of the gift of prosperous increase is:

- Systematic giving is the beginning of systematic increase.
- But that giving must be done in a certain way. Through consistent sharing of your tithes.
- The word "tithe" means "tenth" and the ancient people felt that "ten" was "the magic number of increase."

- Your tithes should be given FIRST and impersonally – separate from that which you spend on yourself, your family, your business, or your friends.
- Systematic sharing with God a tenth of all that He shares with you, will open the way to enrich living on all levels of life to those who faithfully practice it.
- Why? – Because a loving Father, the creator of a rich universe, is happy to multiply your good as an expression of universal affection, appreciation, and esteem. – A loving father always wants you to be happier and more prosperous than you have ever been before!
- The Creator of this lavish universe does not want you to go through life a beggar, when you should be a king!
- Being made in the image and likeness God's, such blessings are your natural right.
- Through your consistent acts of impersonal and unselfish giving, you attune your consciousness to the abundance of the universe and put yourself in line to receive its rich gifts.

Continues Next Month





Part 6 of "Your Gifts for Ministry" continues in September. Learn more about **Our Gift of Prosperous Increase with the benefits of Tithing**

Tithing spells success on all levels of life.



10% Tithes: THE CHALLENGE OF FAITH

A new book from Bishop Cecil Reid
Available soon



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

29th - 30th > NWSE Fall Retreat

OCTOBER

- 7th > NWSE One Day Women's Conference
- 9th – 13th > Southern District Convention

Find more information on www.cogainc.org



A LITTLE SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT

- "It's so hot I already want to take a nap tomorrow."
- "August: when the sun is hot, but my motivation to do anything is not."
- "The only thing more inevitable than August heat waves is the fact that someone will ask you to help them move."
- "August is like the Friday of summer – everyone's ready for it to be over."
- "August: when you're either sweating or in air conditioning, there is no in between."
- "August is like a sauna, except you can't escape by opening the door."
- "Who needs a gym membership when you can sweat out your body weight just by walking outside in August?"
- "August: the month when sweat becomes a fashion accessory."
- "August is when you realize that summer was a lot more fun when you were a kid."
- "If you need me, I'll be hiding in the shade until September."

AUGUST

