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God always wants the very best for us as God's children in *all* we do. Most of all, God wants us to prosper and be in health. Ill John 2 says, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

God wants us to do well all the time in all we do. He wants us to have the things we need and he wants us to be healthy, too. It is never God's desire for us to be lacking the things we need. God wants the BEST for us, for we are His beloved, which means we are His loved ones.

One key for being prosperous is giving. As we give, we allow God to take care of us. One of the ways we can give is financially, which means of the money we have. In the Book of Malachi, which is written for our learning, there are some wonderful verses about giving. In the Old Testament it was a law (which means it was required) that Israel tithe. The word "tithe" means one-tenth, or one out of ten. It means that if a person had ten dollars, he would give one. If he had ten dimes, he would give one dime.

Malachi 3:8 and 9 tells about Old Testament believers robbing God because they were not tithing. They were robbing God by not giving the one-tenth they were responsible to give, and they were having trouble in life. They were not bringing their firstfruits to the priests and Levites so that it could be used for blessing God's people.

When the people did give one-tenth, God was able to protect, bless and multiply all that the people had left. In Malachi 3:10 God said, "... prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*" God could give the people lots and lots of blessings and supply them with the things they needed as these Old Testament believers obeyed God and tithed.

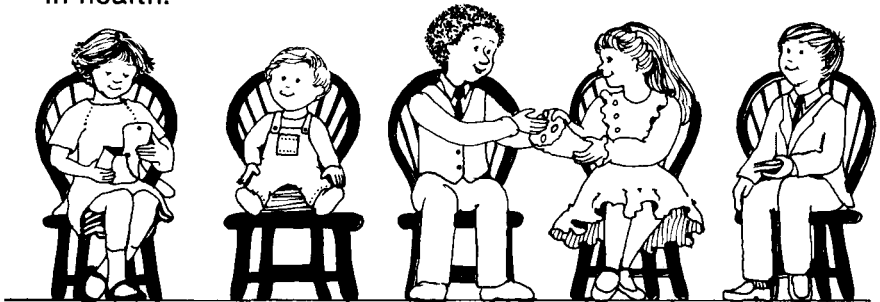
Today, you can have the great blessing of giving more than just the tithe. Christians today share of their abundance, which is called abundant sharing. Today, if you have ten

dimes, you can give more than one! You can give as many as you want! You can give for the outreach of God's Word to the ministry that teaches the accuracy of God's Word. The more we grow in giving, the more we allow ourselves to grow spiritually.

II Corinthians 9:6-8 teaches us that when we give, our attitude is VERY important. Your "attitude" is the way you think. It is not how much we give that is most important, but the way we think as we give that really counts. If you are blessed about giving, you will receive from God. If you are grouchy in your mind and only give because you feel you have to, you will not allow yourself to receive much in return.

In Philippians 4:14-19, the Apostle Paul tells about some born-again believers from the city of Philippi who knew the joy and benefit of giving. These people gave when there was a need. They took care of the Apostle Paul because he was the man of God who taught the Word and was responsible for the outreach of the ministry. In Philippians 4:17 Paul talked to the believers about giving and he said, "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit [meaning positive results] that may abound to your account."

Paul did not talk to the believers about giving so he could get lots of things from them. Paul talked to them because he knew the great benefit of giving and he wanted the people to get blessed. The people gave and Philippians 4:19 says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." God could bless the people and supply them with the things they needed, plus more, because the people gave out of a giving heart. They gave because they wanted to bless others, not just to try to get something in return. As we live each day loving God and obeying God's Word, we will always do well. We will be allowing God to take care of us. We will always prosper when we believe and act on what the Word says because God wants us to prosper and be in health.



QUIZ

1. God _____ wants the very best for us as God's children in *all* we do.
 - a. always
 - b. sometimes
 - c. never
2. One key for being prosperous is _____ .
 - a. taking
 - b. giving
 - c. stealing
3. The word "tithe" means one-_____, or one out of ten.
 - a. eighth
 - b. seventh
 - c. tenth
4. It is not how much we give that is most important, but the way we _____ as we give that really counts.
 - a. guess
 - b. wonder
 - c. think
5. As we live each day _____ God and _____ God's Word, we will always do well.
 - a. doubting, obeying
 - b. loving, disobeying
 - c. loving, obeying

Rose Rhyme

The roses below have something to say,
 But the letters have all gone astray.
 Place the letters with the numbers below
 And complete the message with what you know.
 One key for prosperous living is _____.

1 2 3 4 5 6



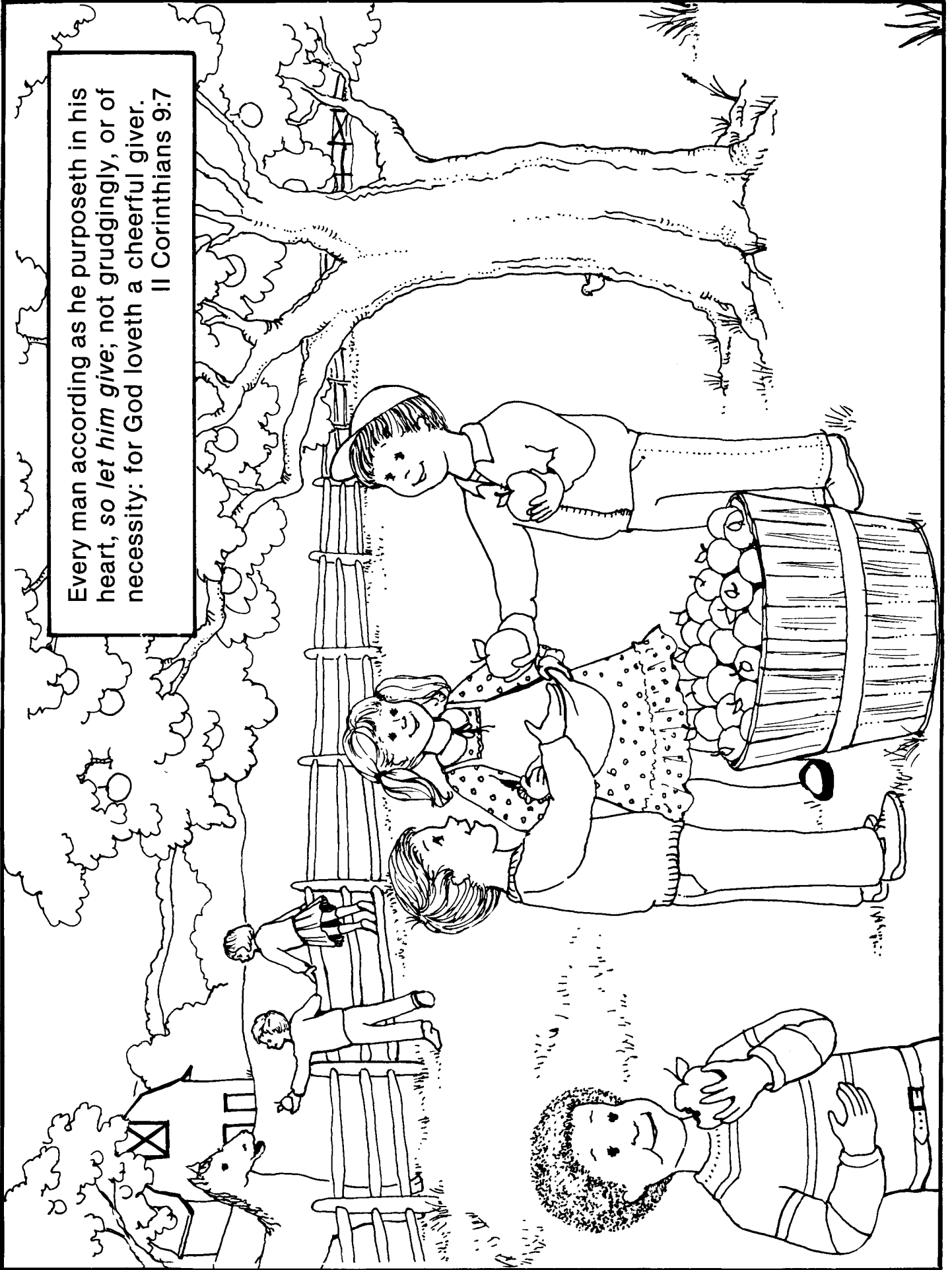
ANSWERS:

page 10:
 10. supply
 9. think
 8. beloved
 7. more
 6. money
 5. grow
 4. desire
 3. Christians
 2. blessings
 1. give

DOWN:
 1. give
 2. blessings
 3. children
 4. desire
 5. grow
 6. money
 7. more
 8. beloved
 9. think
 10. supply

pages 8 and 9:
 ACROSS:
 1. a, 2. b, 3. c, 4. c, 5. c
 page 5:
 giving

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let *him* give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7



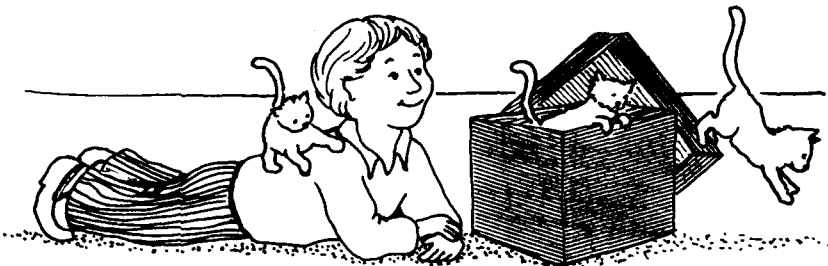
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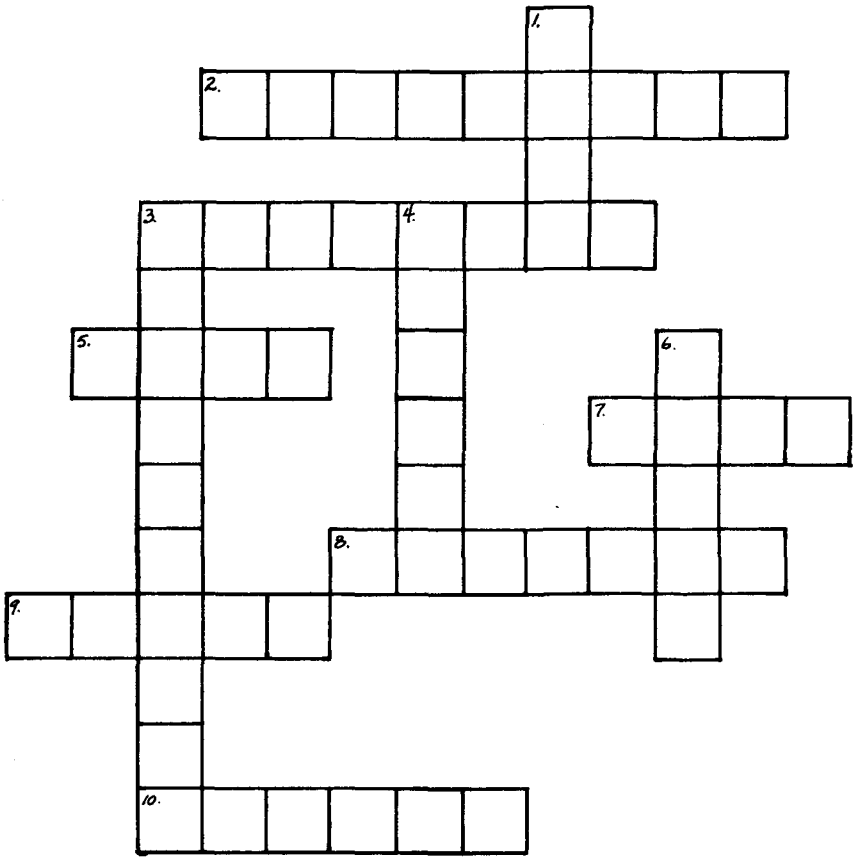
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3. God always wants the very best for us as God's _____ in *all* we do.
5. The more we _____ in giving, the more we allow ourselves to grow spiritually.
7. Today, if you have ten dimes, you can give _____ than one.
8. God wants the BEST for us, for we are His _____, which means we are His loved ones.
9. It is not how much we give that is most important, but the way we _____ as we give that really counts.
10. God could bless the people and _____ them with the things they needed, plus more, because the people gave out of a giving heart.

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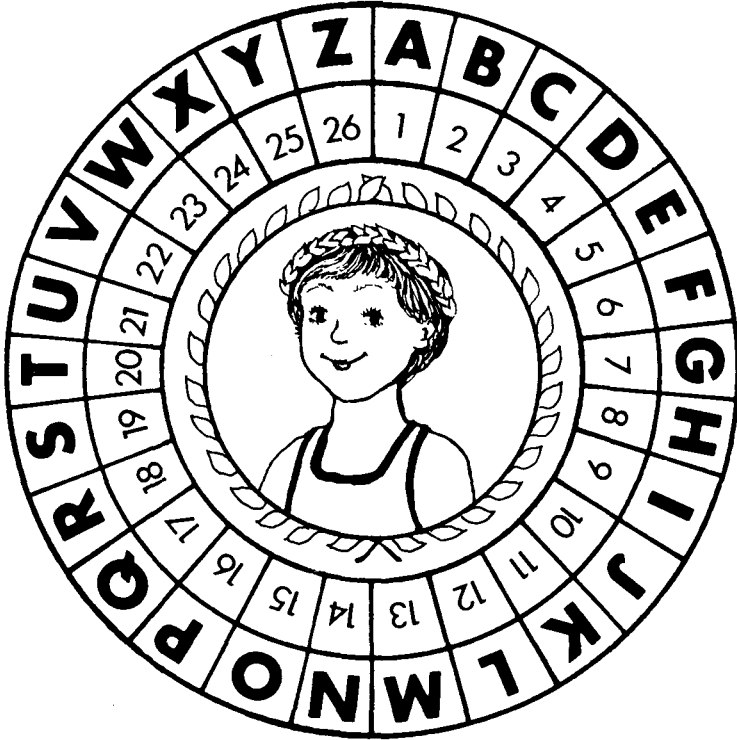
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3. _____ today share of their abundance, which is called abundant sharing.
4. It is never God's _____ for us to be lacking the things we need.
6. One of the ways we can give is financially, which means of the _____ we have.





Mystery Sentence

Match the numbers on the alphabet wheel with the numbers below to complete the mystery sentence.



As we give, we allow God to 20 1 11 5

3 1 18 5 15 6 21 19



GOD MADE THE EARTH FOR ME



God made the earth for me
Every flower, every tree
That grows so tall
But best of all
He gave me Christ in me
So I could live everlastingly
He put it all together just for me

The rivers running by
And the birds up in the sky
That sail along
The music of a little robin's song
The sky so blue
The grass so green
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Happy Anniversary to Us!



This month we are celebrating The 40th Anniversary of The Way International. Dr. Victor Paul Wierwille started the

ministry forty years ago and has been the president. The different parts of this picture tell a story about our ministry.

Can you find the Bible? It is at the bottom because the Word of God is our foundation.

Behind the Bible is a mantle. The mantle was given by a man of God to the man of God who would take his place. The mantle shows that there will be a change. The Reverend L. Craig Martindale will become the new president of The Way International this month.

Where is the torch? It shows the light of God's Word.

The leaves are laurel. How many can you count? There are forty on each side. Laurel leaves were woven into wreaths and worn by athletes when they won a contest. Where can you find other laurel leaves in this magazine?

When you win you are victorious. You are living victoriously because you have Christ in you. You can make a laurel wreath out of paper and wear it as a "living victoriously" crown.

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