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“The Promise of a Phenomenal Return”

God is great, all the time! All the time, God is great!

We're all familiar with the term "tenfold" from the Bible. Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

But today's text speaks of a hundredfold. Think about that...that's huge!

So I bought a house in Monroe in May and I asked Pastor Marjo to do a house blessing.

Shortly after that, my son asked if Pastor could do a blessing for a friend of his, over the house and the family. She said yes and that she would like to have Pastor Johnson, our new friend from the Pentecostal Church join her.

I was in the hospital with covid and wasn't able to be there. I got out of the hospital on August 7th, my quarantine was over on the 14th. I wanted to come to church service that Sunday and stay afterwards to meet Pastor Johnson and give him some money for taking the time and doing the blessing. I was not 100% that day, I might not have even been 50%, but I dragged myself to church and I figured I would wait and see him at noon when his church met. But an interesting thing happened, he came to our service that day. There's a God-sighting right there. If you do what you can do, God will do the rest.

After service I went over and introduce myself to him and we talked for a while. I told him I wanted to give him something for doing the blessing and handed him an envelope with \$100. He graciously said to me that it wasn't necessary but he would accept this gift only so that it could be a blessing to me. He asked if we could pray over it. So the envelope is in my hand and his hands are cupped around mine and he prays for me and for this gift, that it would come back to me a hundred fold. And I remember thinking "how am I going to handle a hundred fold?" Because I know it's going to happen and it doesn't necessarily mean a hundred fold monetarily. It could be a hundred fold health, wholeness, happiness, peace, favor.

Both Pastors prayed over me that day for a full recovery from Covid - 5 days later, Friday August 20th my brain rebooted and I became myself again. Thank God! I also got a clean bill of health from the pulmonologist - my lungs are back to 100%. Thank God!

Sept 13th I gave 11 grocery stores in CT to a new hire at my company which represents \$725,000 in sales and then I found out a customer of mine bought 13 grocery stores and wants to buy all his supplies from me, so I lost nothing, but instead gained by giving away. And just this week I was told about a bid that my company is going after early next year and if we win it, those 31 grocery stores will be mine...

so I say again God is great, all the time! All the time, God is great!!