



Missions Object Lesson

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Give Heartily

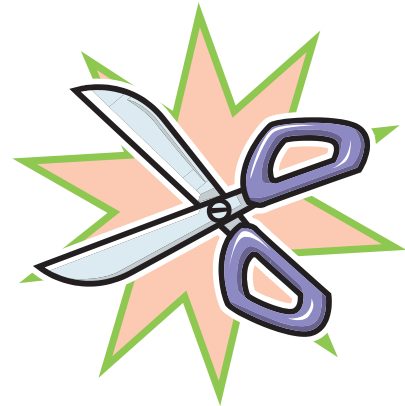
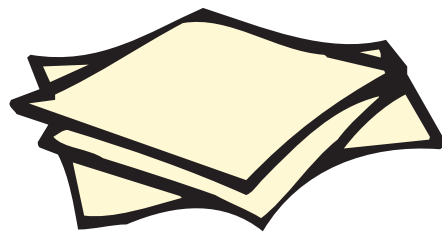
Key Scripture

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart.

Materials Needed

- 8½" piece of paper
- Scissors



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Presentation

Sometimes it is difficult to help other people and to give our money to God. We want to keep our money for ourselves. It's not that we really want to be selfish, but we are afraid that if we give away our money, we won't have any more. God tells us in the Bible that we should think of Him when we help someone or give our money to a missionary. Thinking about God will help us give without complaining or worrying.

This piece of paper will help us understand better. I need a helper. *(Choose a helper to come and stand beside you. Show the paper to the class.)* **Tell me, how many corners are on this paper?** *(Allow responses.)* **That's right, there are four. What will happen if I cut off one of the corners?** *(Cut off a corner and give it to your helper. See Figure 1.)*

How many corners are left? *(Have the helper count.)* **How many did you say? Five! That can't be possible. I just cut off one corner. Okay, let's cut off another corner.** *(Cut off another corner and give it to your helper. See Figure 2.)* **Now let's count how many corners are left.** *(Have the helper count.)* **Six? Something must be wrong.**

(Repeat the process two more times, asking the helper to count and report the number to you each time. See Figures 3 and 4.) **This must be a different kind of math. We started out with four corners and now we have eight!**

Even though we've taken away some corners, we wound up with more than we started with!

God has promised to bless us in everything we do if we do it as unto Him. I think no matter how much we do or how much we give to God, He will cause our work to multiply. Whenever you give to BGMC, God multiplies your giving so that it does more than you could imagine. So let's give heartily to God today!

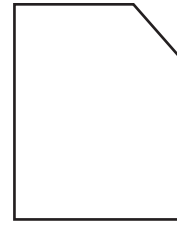


Figure 1

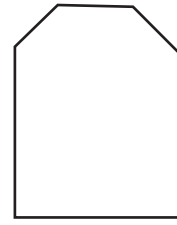


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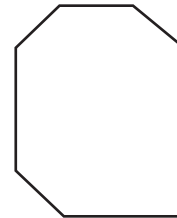


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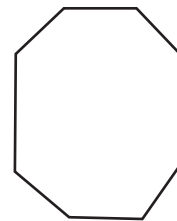


Figure 4