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TEST IT OUT

"Bring the full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams." Malachi 3:10, Message Bible

It is true that our money doesn't go as far as it used to and that it's tough to stay above water. At this time in my life one would hope to be able to enjoy living, instead you have to decide can you enjoy going to a movie or will it upset the budget. There isn't much wiggle room when you have a fixed income. So I had the bright idea to read an email I received that indicated one could make money at home using the internet. "Test it out," I said to myself. I know it costs money to make money, so I decided to purchase the product for a nominal fee in hopes it would really show me what to do. Turns out the real deal is to see if one is willing to use their credit card to invest from \$10,000-17,000 for information, training and coaching for one year to make money. Of course, *testing this out* proved not to be a safe plan as I could see myself buried in credit card debt with more than serious regrets in the long run. Although I was willing to 'test it out', I quickly discovered this was not for me.

Thankfully, I cannot give this poor report about investing into the Kingdom of God as many years ago I decided to *test out* tithing and discovered the return on the investment is well worth it! Unfortunately, many do not believe in this approach for financial security.

Although I may not have funds to buy any and everything in life, God has always provided. Daily He opens up heaven and dispenses blessings to me, some tangible and some intangible. Truthfully speaking, I concur that He's blessed me beyond my wildest dreams.

I'm not the first or last person who will test out a financial opportunity devised by man, but man cannot guarantee the success of what he has to offer. However, I can guarantee that when you accept God's offer to test Him out and tithe, you will not come up empty handed. Moreover, He will not ask you to go into debt for the blessings. What are you waiting for, TEST IT OUT!

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