

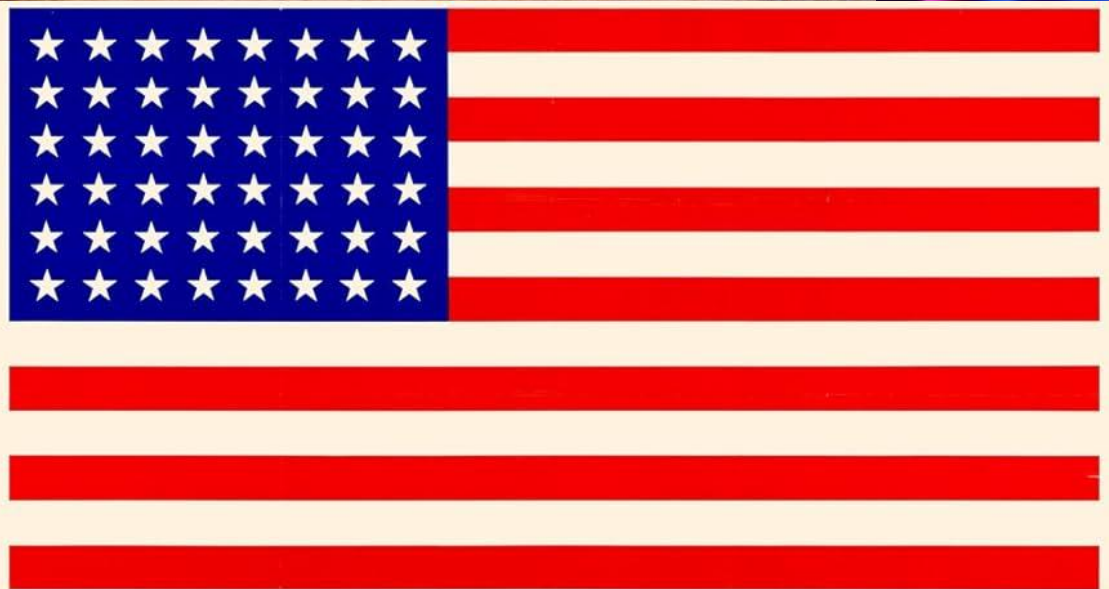
Giving USA 2024: A Giving Nation in Transition Signals Growth, Change and Opportunity

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Giving Trends

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GIVE IT YOUR BEST!



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1. Bring the Firstborn of the Flock
 2. Give the First Tenth of Everything
 3. Do Not Despise Your Birthright
 4. Consecrate the Firstborn

5. Encounter Jesus, the Firstborn of God
6. Giving More Precious than Silver or Gold
7. Nehemiah's Prayer
8. The First King Who Lay Down His Life

Give God First Fruits

Hebrews 7:1-10

Melchizedek Blessed Abram



Hebrews 7:1-10

The King of Righteousness Blessed Abram

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.



*I will make you into a great nation and **I will bless you**;
I will make your name great, and
you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*

Genesis 12:1-3

Hebrews 7:1-10

Abram Gave Melchizedek a Tenth of Everything

For this **M**elchizedek
king of Salem,
priest of the Most High God,
who met Abraham as he was
returning from the slaughter
of the kings and blessed him.

A vibrant, fiery illustration of a heavenly scene. Jesus, with long hair and a white robe, stands centrally, surrounded by a multitude of angels with large, feathered wings. The background is a swirling mass of orange, yellow, and red flames or clouds, creating a sense of divine glory and power.

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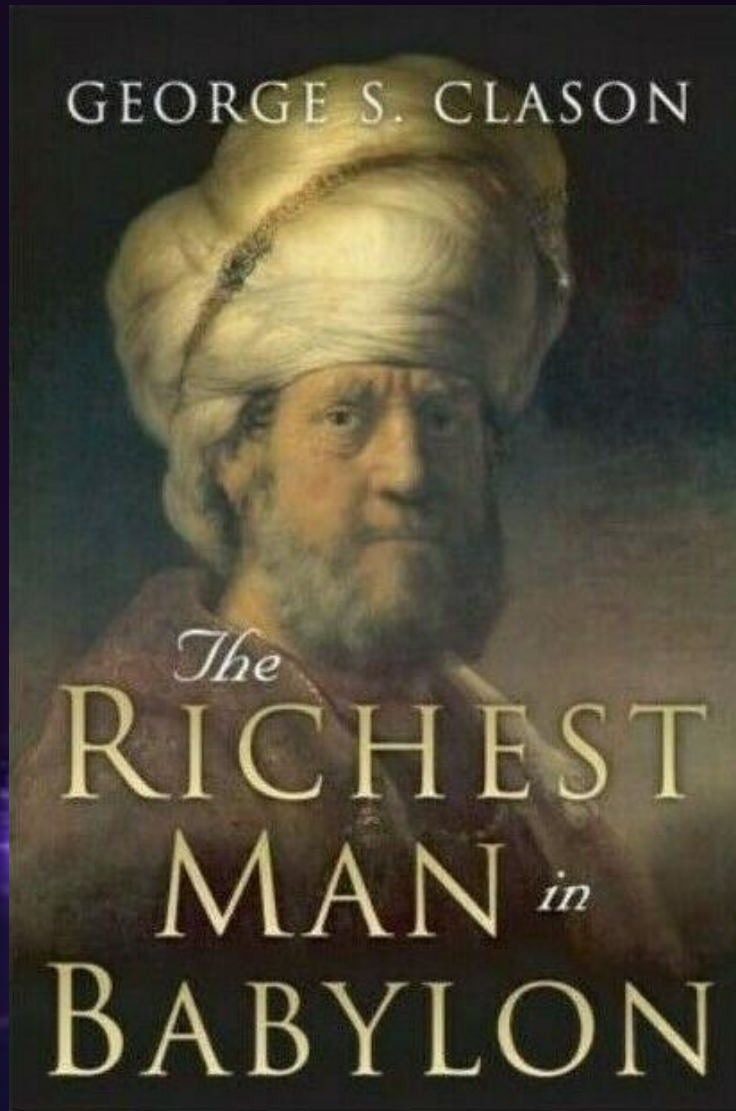
JOHN 1:51

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- 1) *Save 10% of your income*
- 2) *Let it grows by itself*
- 3) *Find an industry (system) to generate*

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He [Jacob] had a dream in which he saw **a stairway** resting on the earth with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were “**ascending and descending**” on it.

Genesis 28:12



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There above it stood the LORD, and he said: I am the LORD, **the God of your [grand]father Abraham and the God of Isaac.** I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ... I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will NOT leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Genesis 28:13-16



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Part 2. Give a Tenth of Everything

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This is the gate of heaven!

Then Jacob made a vow, saying **"If**

- 1) God will be with me and
- 2) will watch over n this journey I am taking and
- 3) will give me food to eat and clothes to wear, so that I
- 4) return safely to my father's house,

then the Lord will be my God, and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me, **I will give you a tenth!**

Genesis 28:20-22



And Jacob rose up early in the morning and took the **stone** that he had put under his head, and he set it up as a **pillar** and poured **oil** on top of it. And he called the name of that place **Bethel...**

Genesis 28:18-19

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Part 2. Give a Tenth of Everything

- 1. Abraham gave Melchizedek, king of Salem, a tenth of everything.*
- 2. Like Melchizedek Jesus has become a priest forever.*

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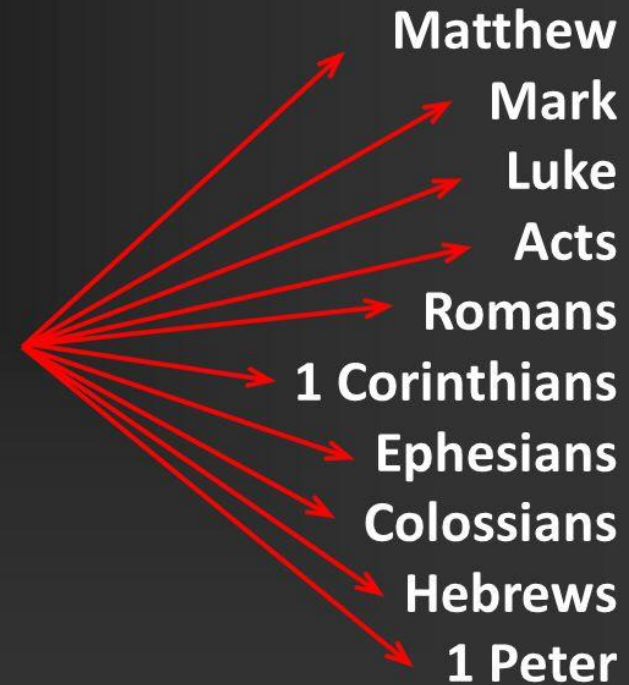
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Jesus as a Priestly King

*The LORD says to my Lord [Abram]:
"Sit at my right hand until I make
your enemies a footstool for your
feet." (v. 1)*

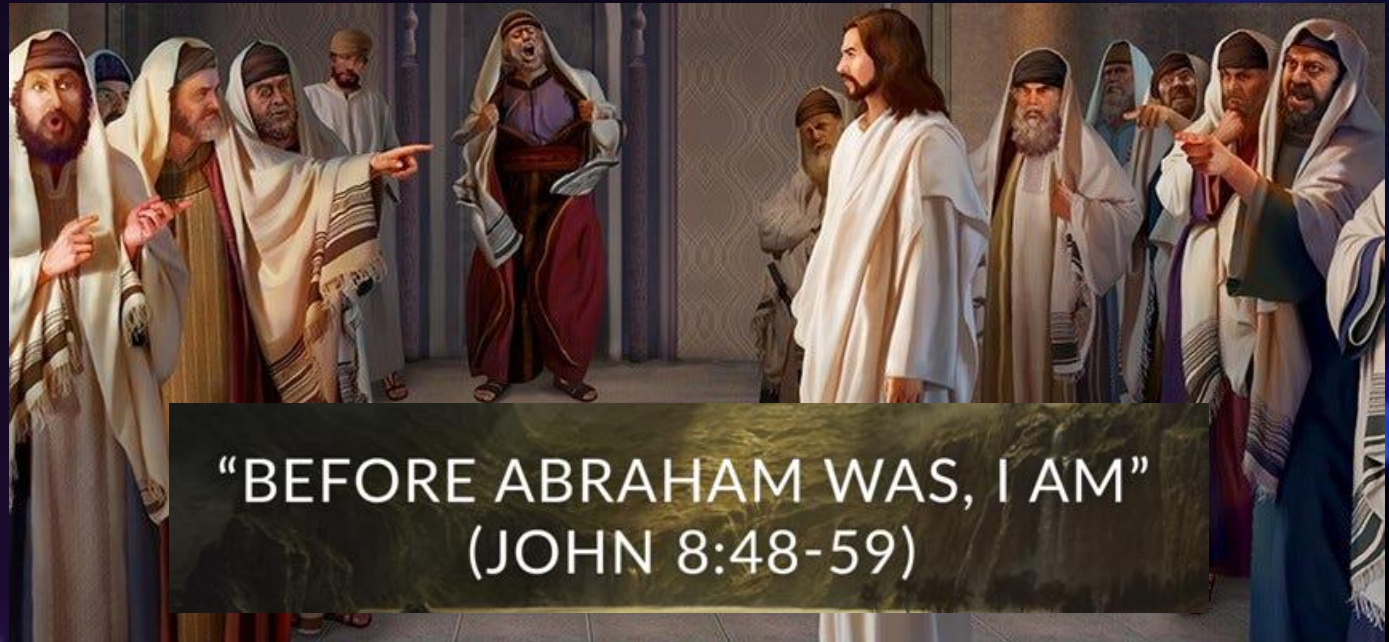
Psalm 110

*The LORD has sworn and will NOT
change his mind:
"You are a priest forever, in
the order of Melchizedek." (v. 4)*



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A Levite Says to Hebrews

Barnabas: The Encourager

Acts 4:36-37

"Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet."

*Brothers, I urge you to bear my word of exhortation,
for I have written you only a short letter.*

Hebrews 13:22

P⁴⁶ (125-150 A.D.)

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In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets ... but **in these days he has spoken to us by his Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

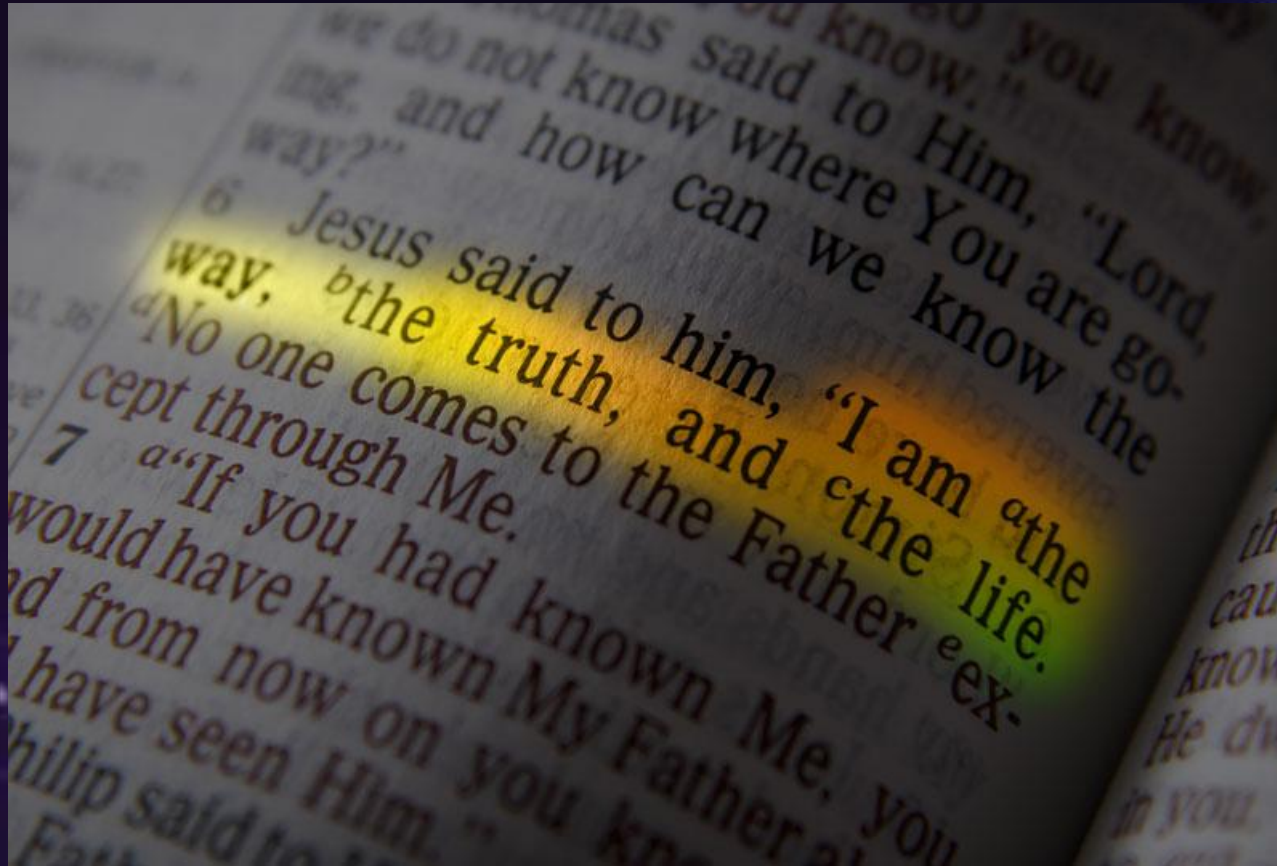
He became as much superior to the angels...

Hebrews 1:1-4 "Barnabas"



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3. Set aside a tenth of your time, talents and treasures to the glory of God!

Do you not know that your bodies
are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you,
whom you have received from God?
You are not your own; you were bought at a price.
Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

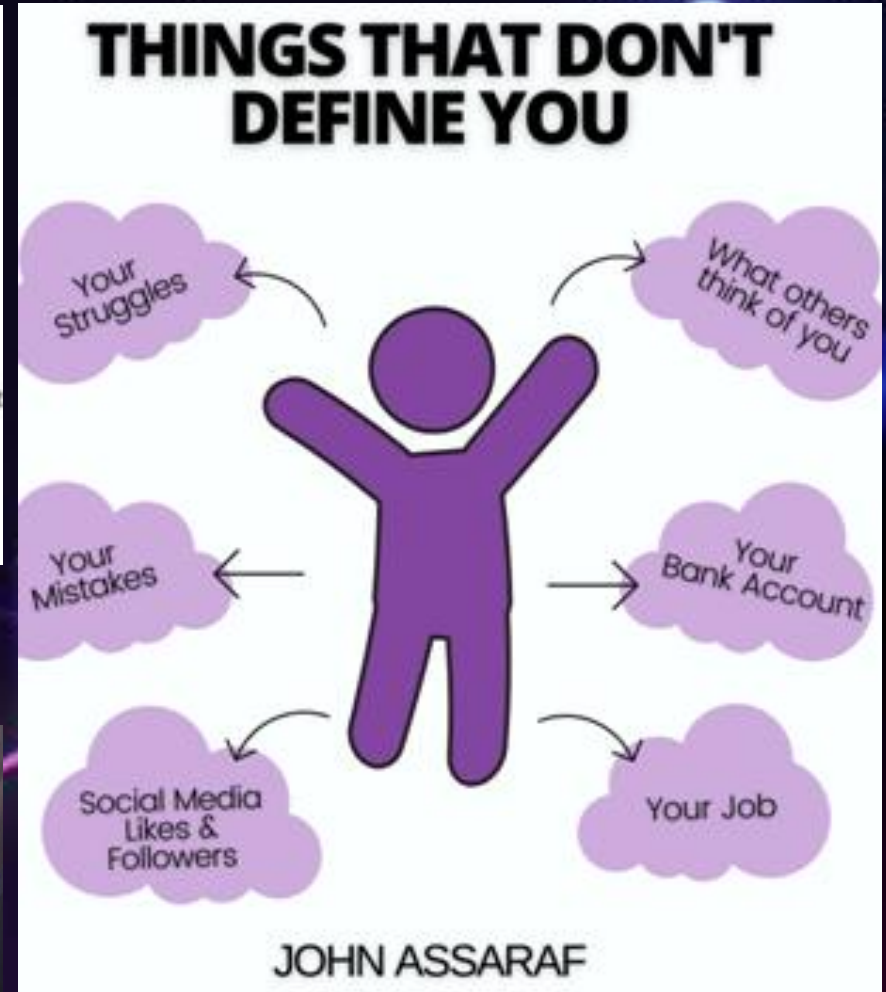
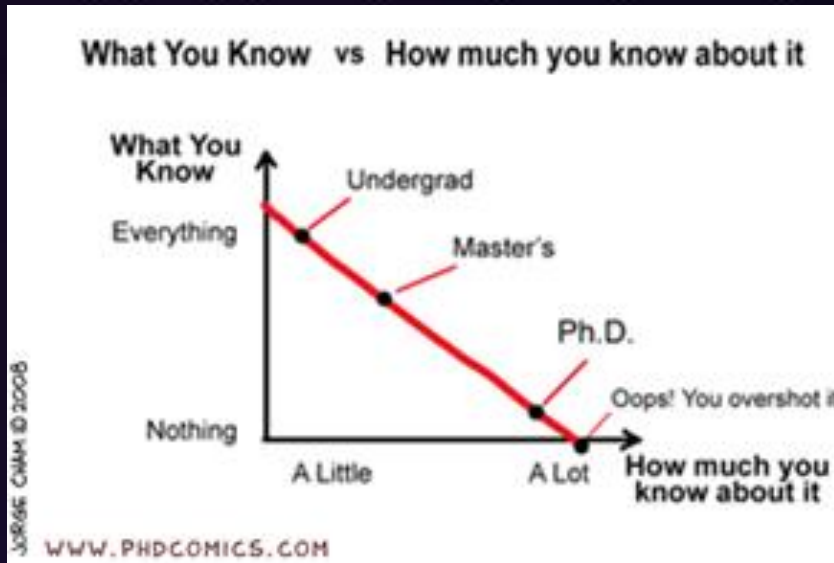


Do you truly know about yourself?

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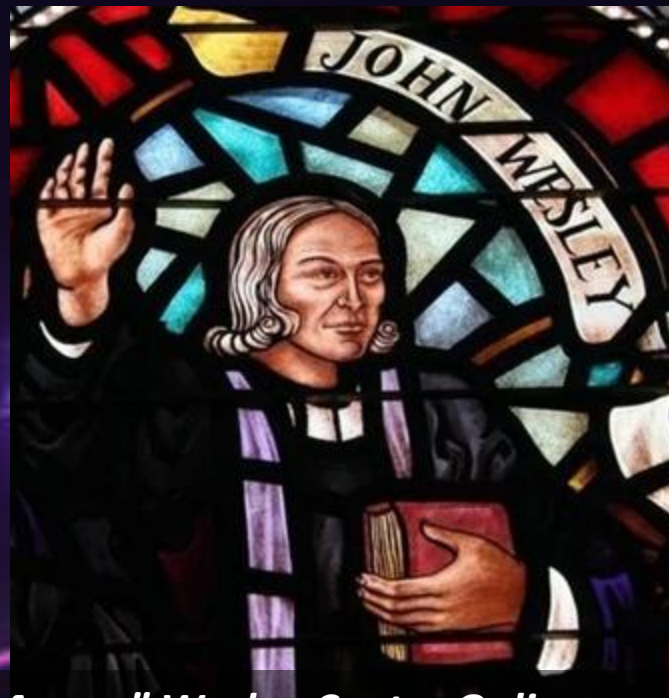
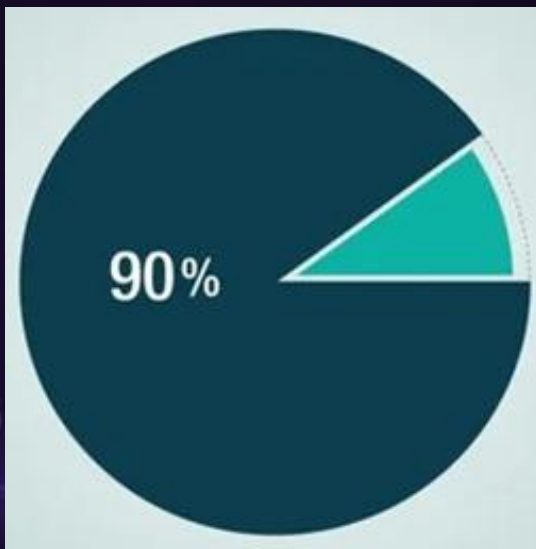
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10% of
EVERYthing?



"The Use of Money," Wesley Center Online

wesley.nnu.edu/john-wesley/the-sermons-of-john-wesley-1872-edition/

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