

Guess Who Gets 10% of Americans Incomes

When a preacher talks about giving 10% what do you normally think about? Tithing, right? The tithe as set out in the Bible is giving God 10% of what we make. **Guess who gets 10% of Americans incomes? Parents with kids involved in sports!** That is the results of a study of how much American parents spend on their children's sporting activities.

That might seem incredible but when you total up all the costs from travel, to uniforms, extra camps for training, medical expenses due to injuries and everything else it adds up. The average Cheer camp runs anywhere from \$2,000 to \$3,000 and that doesn't even count uniforms and all the other stuff. The bottom line is we are spending a lot of money on sports for our kids.

Did you know that only 7% of high school athletes will play a varsity sport in college and only 2% will play at the NCAA Division I level? Estimates are that only 1.5% of high school football players make it to the NFL.

We should consider what the Apostle Paul wrote in I Timothy 4:8, "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

Don't get me wrong, I love sports and I do think there is value in participating in a sport. I just find it curious that we complain about churches talking about money. We object to the idea of being able to afford 10% of our income going to a church. Then we turn around and spend hundreds and thousands of dollars on a game. It says something about what we value.

One reason we take an offering up here at OUR CHURCH is that it allows us to show what we value, the work of God through our church. Giving doesn't make you godlier but it does show what you value.

At OUR CHURCH we value your gift and use what is given to do the work of ministry that God has called us to. We are your kid's spiritual coaches teaching them the fundamentals of how to live for Christ. That holds promise for the present life and the life to come AND is worth giving to!