

# "NO-RISK INVESTMENT"

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## **Synopsis**

A husband and wife visit a financial planner. As a result of some bad investment decisions and the decline in the economy, the couples' investments are nearly gone. After listening to their concerns, the financial planner recommends a little used program: the P.B.I.P. (Personal Blessing Investment Program). When you invest in building God's Kingdom, your money is never lost..its multiplied, and the riches of God's blessings are passed to your earthly and eternal future.

## **Scripture**

Malachi 3:10-12; Luke 6:38

## **Ministry Lesson:**

Investing in the stock market is a risk. Companies use our money to build their business...and if the business is successful we will get a return on our investment...if not, we lose money. However, when we give to God, through the church, there's no risk of losing our investment. God gives us a guarantee; that for everything we give He will give us much more in return. His blessing will be so great that we will not have room enough to receive it. When you give to God you are investing in your future.

## **Ministry Focus:**

Giving, Tithing

**Genre:** Comedy

## **Cast**

Mr. Murphy - Adult male  
Mr. & Mrs. Alston - middle aged couple

## **Costumes:**

Mr. Murphy - suit and tie (business attire)  
Mr. and Mrs. Alston - normal everyday attire

**Time:** 10 mins.

## **Props**

Office desk and 3 office chairs  
Large folder with investment papers  
Laptop computer  
Business cards

NO-RISK INVESTMENT

INTERIOR - BUSINESS OFFICE

MR. AND MRS. ALSTON ARE SITTING IN THE OFFICE OF THEIR FINANCIAL PLANNER. WE HEAR THEM ENDING A HEATED DISCUSSION.

WIFE

(Agitated) If you had listened to me,  
we wouldn't have to be here.

HUSBAND

(Defensive) It was a sound investment.

WIFE

Who in their right mind would invest in  
an Animal Psychiatric Clinic.

HUSBAND

Animals have mental problems too!

WIFE

Yeah, and it takes one to know one!

HUSBAND

Well your stock investments were not  
much better.

WIFE

How did I know the economy was going to  
tank.

HUSBAND

I guess we both could have made better  
choices.

WIFE

That's why I made this appointment. Mr.  
Murphy is one of the best Financial  
Planners in the city.

HUSBAND

We've spent so much money trying to make money...now we don't have any money!  
(ad-lib as Mr. Murphy enters) We'll have to work at McDonalds when we retire...wiping off tables, etc.

MR. MURPHY ENTERS. HE IS CARRYING HIS LAPTOP (OR IPAD, ETC.)

MR. MURPHY

Hi Mrs. Alston, sorry I'm a little late.

THEY SHAKE HANDS

WIFE

That's alright. Mr. Murphy, this is my husband, Steve.

THEY SHAKE HANDS. MR. MURPHY TAKES A SEAT.

MR. MURPHY

What can I help you with today?

WIFE

Well, as you know things have not been going well in the economy and our investments are not growing like we thought.

HUSBAND

Actually, we're losing money.

MR. MURPHY

I definitely understand your concern. There is always a risk associated with investing.

WIFE

I know, but we can't afford to keep putting money out and not getting anything back in return.

MR. MURPHY

Well, let's see what you have. Did you  
bring your portfolio?

WIFE HANDS MR. MURPHY A FOLDER CONTAINING HER INVESTMENT  
MATERIAL.

MR. MURPHY BRIEFLY REVIEWS THE INFORMATION.

MR. MURPHY (CONT'D)

Well, you seem to have a good mix of  
stocks and bonds. The companies you've  
selected are actually quite good.

WIFE

So what happened? Now my investments  
are worth less than what I paid for  
them.

MR. MURPHY

Well, it's like you said, Mrs. Alston,  
the economy is down. People just don't  
have faith in the economy right now.

WIFE

Well I need to put my faith in something  
other than psychotic pets! (rolls her  
eyes at her husband)

HUSBAND

(Defensively) Hey!

MR. MURPHY

I understand your frustration.

WIFE

Well, what do you recommend?

MR. MURPHY

Well, let me ask you a few questions so  
I can determine the best investment  
portfolio for you.

MR. MURPHY (CONT'D)

(opens his laptop) Now, what is your risk tolerance level...high or low?

WIFE

(looking at Husband) I guess Low?

HUSBAND

(to Mr. Murphy) Low-minus!

MR. MURPHY

(keys in information then asks the next question) How much can you invest each month?

WIFE

(to husband) You think we can squeeze \$100?

HUSBAND

If we both work full-time, but business is slow. People are just not paying for therapy for their crazy cats and delirious dogs!

MR. MURPHY

(puzzled) Crazy cats???

WIFE

(stops Mr. Murphy) Don't go here. Look, it will probably be best if we focus on giving a percentage of our income each month instead of a set amount.

MR. MURPHY

(enters information) Alright, what rate of return are you looking to for?

WIFE

Definitely higher than a basic Savings Account.

HUSBAND

But we still need a guarantee that we will get a return on our investment. I guarantee...G-A-R-A-N-Tea!

MR. MURPHY ENTERS THE FINAL INFORMATION INTO HIS LAPTOP

MR. MURPHY

(reading screen) Let me see if I got everything. You can only give a small percentage...

WIFE AND HUSBAND NOD IN AGREEMENT AFTER EACH STATEMENT

...and your investment must be risk-free with a guaranteed return in your future. (thinking) I think I have an investment plan you can put your faith in...the P.B.I.P.

WIFE

P.B.I.P.?

MR. MURPHY

Personal Blessing Investment Program. It's a little used, but very powerful, faith-based investment program.

WIFE

Personal Blessing Investment Program? How do we invest in that?

MR. MURPHY

Through your local church.

WIFE

(Laughing) Mr. Murphy, what does giving to the church have to do with investing?

WIFE AND HUSBAND LAUGH

MR. MURPHY

When you give to God, you are investing in your future. Let me give you an analogy; when Farmers plant seeds into the ground; in time the seeds will produce a harvest. Think of your money as a seed. When you give to the church, you are planting seeds into the Kingdom of God that will produce a harvest of blessings not only for you but for others in need.

HUSBAND

(Confused) Wait a minute, what do seeds and harvest have to do with investing in the P.B.M.S.?

WIFE

That's P.B.I.P.

HUSBAND

What-ever!

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- End of Preview -

The couple eventually concludes that giving to God is the best investment they can make.  
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