



What are the four math symbols you use in school? (*Plus, minus, multiply, divide.*) Today I'm going to tell you about *Bible* math. These same symbols

can remind you of how God works *for* you but Satan works *against* you.

(*Show a large minus sign.*) Satan tries to *subtract* the good things God has for your life and leave you with things that do not last. Satan wants you to fill *all* your time with things like TV programs, video games and sports. Then you won't have any quiet time left to read God's Word and hear His voice in your heart.

(*Show a large division sign.*) One way Satan tries to destroy your witness for God is to get you fighting with other Christians. He wants to *divide* God's children so they cannot encourage each other to do right. By causing division in God's family he can say to those who aren't Christians, "See, these people aren't any different than you. There is no God of love. You don't need to believe in Jesus."

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(*Show a large plus sign.*) But God *is* the God of love. He wants to *add* those things to your life that will last forever. God gave His own Son to die for your sins. When you receive Jesus as your Savior He gives you everlasting life. He gives you power to say no to sin. The Bible says that God gives you *everything* you need to live the best life possible! (*Read 2 Peter 1:3-4a.*)

(*Show a large multiplication sign.*) God not only adds blessings to your life He *multiplies* those good things by using you to bless others. When you say a kind word you are passing God's love on to someone else. When you help others in Jesus' name they are encouraged. When you share the good news of the Gospel you will help that person know the way to Heaven. Instead of living a life that counts only for yourself, God wants to use you to help others.

Don't let Satan lie to you and rob you of the best. Tell God today you want Him to *add* good things to your life and *multiply* your service for Him!

—E. Lippy