

Pyramid Schemes

Pyramid Schemes are designed to recruit other participants known as members with the promise of receiving payments or services for enrolling others into the scheme. These schemes are designed to make quick profits and are mostly designed with cash involved. As the recruiting multiplies, recruiting becomes quickly impossible, and most members further down the line are unable to profit which renders the pyramid scheme unsustainable resulting in its collapse. The only persons that initially make quick profits are the ones who created the scheme initially. These schemes are illegal as they are designed to make money off of others which is fraudulent in nature.

For an example, let us take a branching factor of 6. Therefore, in the 1st Level you will have 6 members. They each recruit 6 new members each which will result in the 2nd Level having 36 members, and the 3rd Level will have 36×6 which will result in 216 members, the 4th Level will have 216×6 equalling 1,296 members, and so on. At the 10th Level the membership would be a staggering 60,466,176 recruited members if it should ever reach that level. In other words in a South African context where the 2019 South African population is estimated at 58,558,270 people at mid year according to United Nations data, the pyramid scheme would have to have more than the entire population to continue reaping any rewards and might I remind you, that is only at the 10th Level! This is impossible! So the schemers who set up the scheme will benefit and everyone else lower down will lose their money being scammed! These pyramid schemes are a form of gambling. People take a chance or gamble with their money hoping to reap rewards from others that they recruit. Someone will always get hurt and be on the wrong end of the scheme. In GOD's Word we are told to treat our neighbours as we would like to be treated, so recruiting members by lying to them about the scheme being "a sure thing" is being deceitful. We know that Satan the Devil used guile and deception in the Garden of Eden and those who get involved in such gambling schemes are no better and can be rightfully labelled a child of the Devil.

Therefore, as a Christian we should have no dealings with lustful, lying, deceiving and covetous works of darkness. People who are caught up in gambling get rich quick schemes have a greedy disposition, and there is a proverb that warns against greediness,

27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live. ~
Proverbs 15:27 KJV