

Church Finances



Matt. 22:21 (NLT) "...give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."

How does a Church Operate?

1. **Tithe** - salaries, running costs, expenses, etc
 - 1.1. Jesus ministry supported financially -
Luke 8:2-3
 - 1.2. Pastors and Teachers get paid -
Gal 6:6, 1 Tim 5:18, 1 Cor 9:1-15
2. **Offerings** - assets and special projects.
 - 2.1. **Ex 25:8, Acts 4:35**
3. **Alms** - administered by church leaders
 - 3.1. **Gal 2:10**, Rom 15:26, 1 Cor. 16:1,
 - 3.2. Mat 6:1-4, Mat 19:21, Lk 3:11,
Acts 11:27-30, Rom 12:8, Eph 4:28,
Jas 2:14-17, 1 Jn 3:17
4. **Missional / Apostolic** - Extension of the Kingdom
 - 4.1. Paul was supported financially -
Phil 4:15
 - 4.2. Paul was able to present the gospel free of charge - **1 Cor 9:16-18**
 - 4.3. Paul encouraged the Corinthian church to "help him on his journey" - **1 Cor 16:6**

Some Suggestions:

1. **Aim at:** 10% tithe / 10% give / 10% save
2. **Tithe** 10% of gross / taxable income (first fruits) *to the church where you are fed relationally and spiritually*
3. **Mark** what it's for:
 - Tithe
 - Offering
 - Alms
 - Apostolic / Missional
4. Give out of **Conviction** or **Joy** - (not manipulation or guilt) **2 Cor 9:6-8**
5. **Think carefully** before giving pledges!
6. For **Para-church giving**, ask: "what church is behind this?"
Watch out: bleeding-heart scams / causes!
7. As a church **we will not borrow.**
8. Coming soon:
Personal Finance resources - website.