

Integrity and Ethics Related to Finances Part 2



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1. Money brings out the “best” (or worst) in us.
 - A. Our attitude toward money is an indicator of where our treasure is – in heaven or on earth.
 - B. A strong devotional life is imperative to have the proper attitude toward money.
 - C. When we walk in the Spirit, our primary focus is on heavenly treasure.

Partnership

The Money Reality

1. Missionaries need money to fulfill their ministries.
2. Successful missionaries understand partnership.
3. You are not begging for money but are searching for those wanting to invest in eternal treasure through your ministry.
4. There are many churches that desire to have an impact in Gospel ministries worldwide. You provide them that opportunity.

Stewardship

We are to be good stewards of the Lord's money during our journey through life, but money should never become the primary object of our journey.

Character

Four Character Flaws to Avoid

1. A lazy work ethic
2. A lack of professionalism
3. A sense of entitlement
4. A beggar mentality

Work

Stewardship and Support Level

1. Work with GFA to set the proper support level and then obtain 100% (or more) during deputation.
2. Maintain good communication with current supporters and with potential supporters.
3. Let the GFA Office know if you have a special financial need.

Low Support Results



Full Support Results



Financial stress is reduced



Funds available – family



Funds available – ministry



Funds available – others



Funds available – savings

Savings

Savings Accounts

1. Liquid emergency fund – at least 2 months.
2. Short-term savings (car on field, furlough car, appliances, vacation).
3. Long-term savings (house down-payment, college fund, retirement fund)
4. Churches/donors expect you to live on a budget and save for the future, just like they do.

Topics for Questions

1. Standard of living level
2. Vacations
3. Tithing
4. Retirement finances
5. Home ownership
6. Major financial decisions – how do you make them?
7. Special financial needs and prayer letters