

Money (on giving)

Quacks or entitled to the money?

The Christian faith has been greatly impacted by “quacks” and “charlatans” who spread false gospels such as the “prosperity gospel” – “for \$1 I will pray for you”. “For \$1,000, I will pray for you 10 times in a special way”. This has unfortunately impacted those ministries or organisations that could genuinely do with financial support to spread the work of God.

What does the bible say on giving to ministry?

The bible in many places seems to point to the fact that those who ministered were often doing ministry – while working in other vocations, hence “part time” if you like.

- Paul was for example a tent maker (at least part of the time)
- Joseph – was a high ranking Egyptian official (second to the King)
- Daniel – was also a high ranking government official.

Paul seemed to take the view (1 Cor 9: 9-18) that as an apostle he had the right to benefit from Christians, he said:

“..We have sown spiritual seed among you. Is it too much if we reap material benefits from you?”

He nevertheless considered not to use this right and he explained:

“...But we haven't made use of this right. Instead, we have endured everything in order not to put any obstacle in the way of the Good News about Christ.”

The above covers giving for example to “pastors” and such “ministers” but the bible expects us to give generously for various charitable and similar works. It is not uncommon for Christian ministries including churches to spend a significant portion of money given on such work (e.g feeding the hungry, the poor, taking care of the sick) in line with Jesus’ instructions. I feel there is nothing wrong with such.

So give or not?

Giving should be of free will, cheerfully and without coercion. If you can give and feel you are blessed by a ministry, give. If not, please do not feel under any compulsion. This ministry was primarily started to bless others through sharing the word and so it is not our primary objective to benefit financially from others.

What if I want to give?

If you do feel God has put it on your heart to give to our work, we will use it as follows, unless you specify otherwise:

90% of what you give will go to those ministries or charitable acts which we consider to be particularly close to us. Some of the following (not an exhaustive list) will be considered:

- Lifechurch (bible.com org)
- Christian aid
- Worldvision (Christian charity helping to bring hope to Children)

- Kiva.org (online platform helping entrepreneurs in developing countries)
- Polaris project (Helping to eradicate modern slavery)
- Global Frontiers mission (Helping to spread the gospel including in unreached places)

The 10% will be used for administrative purposes or considered a gift to us.

How do I give to your work?

[Click here](#)

We thank you in advance for your donation.

Will you account for monies provided?

Yes.

We will be posting regular updates on the website for monies received and how they have been used. As a chartered accountant, it is expected of me to act ethically and so we feel this is critical to provide public accountability of such monies.

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