

FOR WHAT MAY THE LORD'S MONEY BE USED?

- I. Support for preachers.
  - A. Evangelists must be supported. I Cor 9:1-14
  - B. Paul lists seven reasons preachers must be supported.
  - C. An example of a preacher being supported. Phip 4:13-18
  - D. Should support enough to meet needs of preacher and family.
  - E. Preacher should not have to live on poverty level.
  
- II. To provide for the command to preach.
  - A. Will be expenses in preaching the gospel.
  - B. Since command is give to preach then God allows funds to be used.
  - C. Saints must assemble, Heb 10:25, thus a building may be supported.
  - D. Gospel must be spread thus may use necessary means to do so.
  - E. Some examples: newspaper articles, radio, TV, tracts, flyers, etc.
  
- III. Should not use money on non-scriptural things.
  - A. Church not a dinner club - shouldn't spend money on kitchens.
  - B. Must be careful when it comes to "creature comforts."
  - C. Don't need fancy buildings, chairs, fixtures etc.
  - D. Church is not a health club - shouldn't spend money on pools.
  - E. Money must be spent in keeping with the mission of church.
  - F. Church mission is to save the lost, not to educate or entertain.
  - G. Church money should not be spent to fund secular colleges etc.
  
- IV. To provide for support of certain Elders.
  - A. Elders are the leaders of the church.
  - B. May support elders who labor in the word. I Tim 5:17
  
- V. May support widows who have no family to care for them.
  - A. Criteria given in I Tim 5:3-16
  - B. Family must do all it can first.
  
- VI. Church may use money on needy saints.
  - A. Those without daily necessities of life. I Cor 16:1-2
  - B. Again church must help after a series of logical events.
    1. Individual must do all he can first. I Tim 5:8
    2. Family must do all it can next. I Tim 5:4
    3. Local congregation should then step in.
    4. As last resort brotherhood should be asked to help.
  
- VII. Church may not use money to help non-Christians.
  - A. Individuals may do this but not the church collectively.
  - B. May not run soup kitchens etc. for the poor.
  - C. Individually we should be helping the poor non-Christian.
  
- VIII. Must let the bible be our guide in matters of giving.

