

## Getting Along with the Saints and Managing our Finance in the Church Life

- I. The Church is temple of God, it is holy, a house of prayer, and it is the pillar and base of the truth. We should know how to conduct ourselves in the house of God 1 Tim 3:15 1 Cor 3:17 Mat 21: 12-13
  1. Cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and of spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God – by taking the precious blood of Christ 2 Cor 7:1
  2. Do not stumble others and not be stumbled Mat 18:6, 11:6, 2 Pet 1:10
  3. Do not murmur but forgive one another Acts 6:1, [1 Cor 10:10](#), [Phil 2:14](#), [1 Pet 4:9](#), [Mat 6:14-15](#)
  4. Do not judge but respect other's cultures, habits, ideas, and thoughts Col 2:16
  5. Attend meetings, prophesy, pray and fellowship together in 2s and 3s Rom 12:6, 1 Cor 14:5, Mat 18:20
  6. Love and honour one another John 15:12, Rom 12:10, 1 John 4:7, 12, 1 Cor. 13:4-7
  7. Do not bring in political issues in the church life but pray for those in power 1 Tim 2:1-2
  8. Do not solicit for personal gain Mat 21: 12-13
  9. Avoid business (monetary) dealing with the saints. If necessary, must make complete written agreement first such as loan or shareholder agreement (get professional help)
  
- II. The Principle of Managing our Finance is to Give Luke 6:38
  1. Giving is to sow with blessing, the more we sow, the more we reap. We shall give more to receive more abundantly from God 2 Cor 9:6
  2. If we stop giving and trying to keep what we have, we shall lose. Mat 13:12, 25:29
  3. Whom do we give
    - God's servants and serving ones Heb 7:5, 1 Cor 9:14, Deut. 25:4
    - Church's financial needs (meeting hall)
    - Poor and Needy Mat 19:21
  4. How do we give – in secret Mat 6:4
  5. How much to give – Seeking the Lord's will 2 Cor 8:1-5
  6. When to give – set aside when we receive our income

**1 Timothy 3:15** But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

**1 Corinthians 3:17** If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you.

**Matthew 21: 12** And Jesus entered into the temple and cast out all those who were selling and buying in the temple. And He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling the doves, **13** And He said to them, It is written, ``My house shall be called a house of prayer," but you are making it a den of robbers.

**2 Corinthians 7:1** Therefore since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and of spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**Matthew 18:6** And whoever stumbles one of these little ones who believe into Me, it is more profitable for him that a great millstone be hung around his neck and he be drowned in the open sea.

**Matthew 11:6** And blessed is he who is not stumbled because of Me.

**2 Peter 1:10** Therefore, brothers, be the more diligent to make your calling and selection firm, for doing these things you shall by no means ever stumble.

**Acts 6:1** And in these days, as the disciples were multiplying in number, a murmuring of the Hellenists against the Hebrews occurred, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily dispensing.

**1 Corinthians 10:10** Neither murmur, just as some of them murmured and perished by the destroyer.

**Philippians 2:14** Do all things without murmurings and reasonings

**1 Peter 4:9** Be hospitable to one another without murmuring,

**Matthew 6:14** For if you forgive men their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you also;

**Matthew 6:15** But if you do not forgive men their offenses, neither will your Father forgive your offenses.

**Colossians 2:16** Let no one therefore judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of the Sabbath,

**Romans 12:6** And having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

**1 Corinthians 14:5** I desire that you all speak in tongues, but especially that you would prophesy; and greater is he who prophesies than he who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, that the church may receive building up.

**Matthew 18:20** For where there are two or three gathered into My name, there am I in their midst.

**John 15:12** This is My commandment, that you love one another even as I have loved you.

**Romans 12:10** Love one another warmly in brotherly love; take the lead in showing honor one to another.

**1 John 4:7** Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God, and everyone who loves has been begotten of God and knows God.

**1 John 4:12** No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

[1 Corinthians 13:4](#) Love suffers long. Love is kind; it is not jealous. Love does not brag and is not puffed up; [5](#) It does not behave unbecomingly and does not seek its own things; it is not provoked and does not take account of evil; [6](#) It does not rejoice because of unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; [7](#) It covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**1 Timothy 2:1** I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men; **2** On behalf of kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all godliness and gravity.

[Luke 6:38](#) Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, they will give into your bosom. For with what measure you measure, it shall be measured to you in return.

[2 Corinthians 9:6](#) But take note of this: He who sows sparingly shall also sparingly reap; and he who sows with blessings shall also with blessings reap;

[Matthew 13:12](#) For whoever has, it shall be given to him, and he will abound; but whoever does not have, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.

[Matthew 25:29](#) For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he shall abound; but from him who does not have, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.

[Hebrews 7:5](#) And they of the sons of Levi, who received the priestly service, have a commandment to take tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brothers, though they have come forth from the loins of Abraham.

**1 Corinthians 9:14** The Lord directed those who announce the gospel to live from the gospel.

**Deut. 25:4** You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out grain.

[Matthew 19:21](#) Jesus said to him, If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in the heavens; and come, follow Me.

[Matthew 6:4](#) So that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

**2 Corinthians 8:1** Furthermore we make known to you, brothers, the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, **2** That in much proving of affliction the abundance of their joy and the depth of their poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality; **3** That according to their power, I testify, and beyond their power, of their own accord, **4** With much entreaty they besought of us the grace and the fellowship of the ministry to the saints; **5** And this, not as we had hoped, but they gave themselves first to the Lord, and to us through the will of God.