

When Needing Financial Assistance

If your need today includes financial assistance, there is help! Please follow the steps below, as outlined in the Bible, in their precise order. Do not proceed to the next step until fully completing the previous step, and do not skip steps. Trust the Lord that as you enact each of these steps, He WILL provide just as He has promised (Philippians 4:19).

Step #1 – Cry out to God!

Only God alone is Provider! (Psalm 136:25; Acts 17:25; 1 Timothy 6:17) It is wrong to ask man and not ask God (1 Samuel 14:36; Isaiah 22:11; John 4:10, 11:22). We must not require man to be God. Every good and perfect gift comes from God (James 1:17). The earth and everything on it has been made by Him and for Him (Colossians 1:16). It is the Father's good pleasure to give us everything (Romans 8:32). Hear and obey the voice of God. He loves you and wants an intimate love relationship with you through His Son Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (John 3:16, 14:6). Let Him reveal Himself, His love, and His provision to you in the midst of your need. As God guides you, ask another believer to agree with you in prayer and then proceed...

Step #2 – Talk with your family.

God requires families to take care of families (1 Timothy 5:8, 16; 1 John 3:17). Do not proceed until your family is aware of the need and given opportunity to join God in His work of providing. Do not force God's will upon them. Trust God regardless of their response. Simply obey God in making the need known, leave the results up to God, and be looking for God to work. If they are unable or unwilling then...

Step #3 – Talk with the leadership of your church family.

God also requires His people to take care of one another (Psalms 112:9; Luke 12:33; Acts 2:45). It is horrible to face any crisis, yet it is a tragedy to face a crisis without the prayer support and fellowship of a local body of Christ! This is exactly why God warns His people to not neglect meeting together for corporate worship and fellowship (Hebrews 10:25). The reality is we need much more than financial assistance. In times like these we need the love, encouragement, and support of the body of Christ.

Go to your church leadership. Expose the need. Ask them to pray with you. Watch to see how God works in the midst of your need. If necessary and as God guides...

Step #4 – Seek public assistance.

Often people start here, but that's out of Biblical order. If you have wholeheartedly followed the first three steps to no avail then seek public assistance. You can call Infolink by dialing 211. This is a service of the United Way that provides a database of all agencies and services within our area. They can make helpful referrals. You can also find a complete directory online at <http://www3.irissoft.com/nc211/>. Please note that we do not promote or endorse many of the agencies and services listed.

“And this same God who takes care of me (Paul) will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:19 (NLT)