

HOW DOES GOD PROVIDE FOR MISSIONS SUPPORT?

(2 Corinthians 9:8-11; Philippians 4:16-19)

- I. What Is the SOURCE of the MONEY for Missions?
 - A. God can provide through our PROSPERITY—giving us MORE than we NEED (1 Cor. 16:2)
 - B. God usually provides through our STEWARDSHIP—expecting us to be FRUGAL and WISE with what He has given us
 - 1. Like PAUL in his travels (2 Cor. 8:20-21)
 - 2. Like the MANAGERS in Jesus' parable (Luke 12:42-48)
 - C. God may provide through our CREATIVITY—finding NEW WAYS to raise PERSONAL income for missions (Matt. 25:14-30)
 - D. God often provides through our SACRIFICE—teaching us to DO WITHOUT things we thought we NEEDED
 - 1. Seen in the giving of the believers from MACEDONIA (2 Cor. 8:1-5)
 - 2. Seen in the giving of the WIDOW in the Temple (Mark 12:41-44)
 - E. God may then provide through His PROVIDENCE—expecting us to first do ALL WE CAN with what He has ALREADY GIVEN us
 - 1. He can provide UNEXPECTED INCOME (Matt. 17:27)
 - 2. He can withhold EXPECTED EXPENSES (1 Kings 17:8-16)

- II. WHO Provides MONEY for Missions?
 - A. WE are the CHANNELS for provision
 - B. GOD is the PROVIDER (2 Cor. 9:8; Phil. 4:19)
 - 1. HOW He will provide is UP TO HIM
 - 2. He expects us to GIVE and TRUST HIM to provide
 - 3. Since we know WHO provides, the HOW is less important