

THE "LOCATED MINISTER" AND HIS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Funds contributed to the Lord's church may be used for various needs.

This is evident in:

Judas' bag for food or the poor (John 13:29).

Distribution "as every man had need" (Acts 2:45) and "unto every man according as he had need" (Acts 4:34-37).

Aid for widows in distress (Acts 6).

Widows who are "widows indeed" (1 Timothy 5:3, 9-10).

Distribution to "the poor saints at Jerusalem" (Acts 16:1-3 and Romans 15:25-26).

Assistance to "all men" (2 Corinthians 9:12-13).

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10)..

Support of those such as Paul in advancing the cause of Christ (Philippians 4:14-16).

"Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working? Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? Or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that tresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" (1 Corinthians 9:6-11).

Philippians 4:14-17

Support of elders when needful.

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward" (1 Timothy 5:17-18).