

“The Treasury And Its Use”

Lesson Text: **Acts 4:32-37.**

I. Our Giving Do To God’s Work.

- The Treasury Is Not A General Fund For Just Anything— But For God’s Work Only.
 - * Not for buying a Color TV, Diamond Necklaces, Rolex Watches... If so, why so?
- When We Give Our Money To The Collection On Sunday, It Ceases To Be Our Money.
 - * **Malachi 3:8-10; Acts 5:1-4.** (Shows Individuals’ Money And God’s.)
 - * We No Longer Control The Funds For Individual’s Wants, But What God Wants!
- The Need For Authority (Right or Permission) To Act With The Lord’s Treasury-
 - * **Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 4:11;** Not to add to His Word- **Prov. 30:6.**

II. What Is Authorized?

God’s Work- **Ephesians 4:12-** Evangelism, Limited Benevolence, Edification.

- * How Can The Church Justify: Building A Building, Renting A Hall, Or A House?
The Answer: The Command To Assemble- **Hebrews 10:25; James 2:2.**
- * What About An Individuals’ Needs At Home, As Opposed To The Lord’s Work?
 - * Some Needs Are The Same- Water, Bathroom, Air Conditioning, Heat, Nursery...
 - * Some Are NOT: Entertainment Center, Kitchen, Sauna, Hot Tub, Shower, Piano...
- * For Edification Purposes: Class books, pens, paper, staples, Bibles.... **Eph. 4:16.**
- * For Benevolence Purposes: Needy Saints- **Romans 15:25-26; 15:31; 1 Corinthians 16:1; 16:15; 2 Corinthians 8:4; 9:1; 9:12; Galatians 6:10; James 1:27** (Individuals).
- * The “Widow Indeed” **1 Timothy 5:3-5; 5:9-11; 5:16.**
- * Evangelism- **1 Corinthians 9:1-14; Acts 20:20-21.** Preacher’s support, Gospel Meetings, TV Programs, Radio Broadcasts, and Newspaper Ads...

III. What Is Not The Work Or The Way:

- Church Sponsored Entertainment, Recreation, Sports, Inflatables....
 - * Why Aren’t These Expedients or Aids to Our Work? No Command.
- Church, Kitchens, Fellowship Halls, Gymnasiums, And Starbucks...
 - * Why Aren’t These Authorized? No Command To Have or Involve The Church.
- Why Can’t We Evangelize By Using Pizza Parties, Ice Cream Socials, Or Hot Dogs?
 - * **John 6:26-27; 1 Corinthians 11:34; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5.**
- Must The Church Depend On Human Institutions To Do Its Work?
 - * Church Supported Colleges, The Missionary Society, Orphan Homes, Para- Church Organizations, Lads To Leaders, International Bible College, Salvation Army...
- Church Sponsored Arrangements: Herald Of Truth, GBN, One Nation Under God...

Conclusion: Let Us Be Faithful In Doing God’s Work, His Way!