

Local Church Budget



“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV)

Priorities. What takes up most of our time, thoughts and talents? For most of us it would be our work. We work to live, to survive, to keep a roof over our heads, to feed our families, to pay the bills. Jesus emphasised throughout His ministry that three things have supreme importance: loving God with all our hearts, loving our neighbours and seeking after God’s kingdom. If this is our focus, God promises that all else will fall into place. Our Creator knows all about us; He knows what we need better than we know ourselves.

Does this mean that things will go easy for us? That we can give up our jobs and just wait for God to provide? Jesus is our ultimate example, and His time on Earth was less than easy. But God does assure that those who seek His kingdom will ultimately get kingdom rewards, and we will have what we truly need—salvation through Jesus.

Appeal

As we give to our local budget this morning, be reminded that God promises to provide for all our needs.

Prayer

Dear God, may we not worry about tomorrow, but seek Your kingdom today and live by Your promises. Amen.

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