

# Local Church Budget



“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” James 1:17 (NIV)

It's easy to get our priorities mixed up. We think that we survive because we work hard; that we live stress-free and happy lives through our own efforts. We try to be good citizens and help others, but our first responsibility is to take care of our families.

Recently, there was drought in South Africa, and the people of Cape Town were under severe water restrictions. There was talk of Day Zero, when the dams would be empty and the water supply would be turned off. Everyone was making preparations: water-storage tanks were set up; people stockpiled water.

When the water ran out, everyone would be in the same predicament! Crises have a way of levelling the playing field. It doesn't matter who you are, how much you're worth, or what you do, everyone is on the same level in a crisis. Suddenly, we realise how dependent we are on God. Fortunately, it rained in Cape Town. God sent His sustaining blessings.

Each time we give we recognise our reliance on God to supply all our needs. When we give, we create our own level playing field. Let us develop our trust in God alone through our generosity this morning.

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## Appeal

Why not determine in advance how you can make sure your affairs are in order, to the glory of God?

## Prayer

Dear Lord, may we learn to put all our trust in You. Amen