

*“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” - 1 Cor 15:58*

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## **“Needy No More: Biblical Resources – Part 3”**

Today, we will conclude this series of articles dealing with the subject of church financial benevolence to needy saints. As previously stated, every Christian who thinks they qualify does not biblically qualify for many reasons, but the main reason is a failure to understand their resources & how to access them. A “resource” is “something or someone that can be used for support or help.” This includes us, God, friends, family, individual brethren, & when these previous resources have been exhausted, then the church becomes a residual solution, not the first option.

If we think we are in need, then let us first prepare our family & friends by being friendly (**Proverbs 18:24**). Do we have friends? If not, then why not? If we want friends, then we must start being friendly. Friends prepare one another for good works by doing good things throughout the friendship without being told. If we have been friendly with our family & friends, then our family & friends will go out of their way to help us with whatever they can.

If we think we are in need, then let us access our brethren & the church by our presence (**Hebrews 10:24-25**). Are we faithful in our attendance? Do the brethren know who we are? Are we Christians who are a blessing to others or are we a burden to others? As Christians, we understand **Acts 20:35** is still in the Bible & we look forward to the opportunity to be a blessing to all men, especially those of the household of faith (**Galatians 6:10**). The brethren, nor is the church, in the business of supporting bad habits.

- There is no need to ask for benevolence from the church if our spending habits are the reason why we are in need.
- There is no need to ask for benevolence from the church if we have not talked to our family & friends first.
- There is no need to ask for benevolence from the church if we have not informed our brethren first.
- There is no need to ask for benevolence from the church if our attendance is weak.

What do we do if our resources are unavailable? If this is the case, then we need to do what we should have always been doing & that is to talk to Heaven (**Matthew 6:33**). Seeking God's kingdom first & His righteousness is our responsibility always. “All These Things” is God's responsibility. If we do our part & stop doing His part, then we will be needy no more.

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