

# WHBC and Financial Integrity

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What is the Biblical way to fund  
Missions?

# Missionary outreach was

- Given to the Apostles. Matthew 28.16-20
- Fulfilled by the Apostles through the Church. Acts 1.8; 8.1-4

# The Church is central to Missionary work

- Missionaries come from the Church.  
Acts 13.1-4
- Missionaries report to the Church. Acts 14.26-28
- Missionaries are funded by the Church.  
Acts 15.1-3

# Churches are planted using money from other Churches

- Romans 15.23-28
- Philippians 4.15-19
- III John 1.5-8
- One exception to that was Corinth.
  - I Corinthians 9.6-15

The expectation is, that Churches will become self-supporting. II Corinthians 11.7-8

- There are extenuating circumstances, as with Corinth
- Some countries will not allow foreigners to receive income from natural citizens, or have other restrictions on work and income
- But the poverty of a group of people never becomes an excuse: God is clear that He is able to provide for His people, including their pastors.

# Churches have a variety of questions to answer about their missionaries

- Will it provide financial assistance to those who help missionaries, but are not Church planters themselves?
- Will it continue support if a missionary becomes ill, or retires?
- How often must a missionary report to a sending Church?
- How will it fund missionaries?

## What are the options for funding missionary work?

- Some missionaries may choose to not raise funds, but seek support only through prayer.
- Others may try to support themselves through another form of work. “Tent-making”
- Should missions be funded through the regular offerings of the Church?
- Or should it be funded through additional offerings, like “Faith-Promise” giving?