

# Authorized Uses of the Lord's Treasury

Guiding principles: Col. 3:17, 2Jn. 9-11

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## In the area of Benevolence:

**Found in the Scriptures – GOD is the source of authority:**

1. Local church → Needy among their saints    some scriptures: 1Tim.5:16, 1Cor.16:1-3  
Acts 6:1-8, 4:34-35
2. Local church → Elders of other needy church(es) → Needy among their saints  
some scriptures: Acts 11:27-30, Rom.15:26, 2Cor.8:13-15
3. Local church → ✕ ✕ → Any/all saints for any reason    some scripture: 1Tim.5:1-16
4. Local church → ✕ ✕ → Those who will not work    some scripture: 2Thes.3:10

**The benevolent work of the church is to be “unto the saints.”**

- a) “all that believed . . . according as any had need” Acts 2:44-45
- b) “them that believed . . . according as any one had need” Acts 4:34-35
- c) “the disciples . . . their widows” Acts 6:1
- d) “great famine . . . relief unto the brethren” Acts 11:28-29
- e) “unto the saints . . . for the poor saints . . . accepted of the saints” Rom.15:25-26,31
- f) “collection for the saints” 1Cor.16:1
- g) “ministering to the saints . . . for their want” 2Cor.8:4,14
- h) “ministering to the saints . . . supplieth the need of the saints” 2Cor.9:1,12
- i) “relieve them that are widows indeed” (“widows indeed” defined in vs9-10) 1Tim.5:16

**NOT found in the Scriptures – MAN is the source of authority:**

1. Local church → The needy of the world
2. Local church → Man-made organization → Needy among saints or needy of world
3. Local church → Second church → Third church, or needy of world, or needy among saints
4. Local church → Food to anyone not in need

## In the area of Edification and Teaching:

**Found in the Scriptures – GOD is the source of authority:**

1. Local church → Saints spiritual edification and teaching    some scriptures: Eph: 4:11-16,

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1Cor.14:26, Acts 11:26

## NOT found in the Scriptures – MAN is the source of authority:

1. Local church → Man-made organization → Saints spiritual edification and teaching
2. Local church → Secular schools → Saints or world's secular education
3. Local church → Entertainment

## In the area of Evangelism:

### Found in the Scriptures – GOD is the source of authority:

1. Local church → Local preacher      some scriptures: 1Cor.9:6-14, 2Cor.11:8, 12:13
2. Local church → Preacher(s) in other areas      some scriptures: Phil.1:3-5, 2:25-30, 4:15-16  
2Cor.11:7-9

## NOT found in the Scriptures – MAN is the source of authority:

4. Local church → Man-made organization → Preacher(s)
5. Local church → Second church → Preacher(s)

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