

Finances

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I. Introduction.

- A. Navigators headquarters will be facing a deficit in the budget of \$240,000.
- B. Administration met with each department manager and has been able to reduce the budget by about \$45,000.
- C. Two suggestions for reducing the budget have been having employees pay for all of their own health insurance and having them pay for their own coffee.
 - 1. There is too much legal work involved in changing the way health insurance works to make it a practical suggestion.
 - 2. You can make a contribution of about \$0.05 per cup of coffee that you drink as you are led.
- D. There are two ways we increase income: pray regularly and ask people to give.
 - 1. We are making it known in the newsletter that we have a budget deficit and ask that each department and each individual pray regularly for this need.
 - 2. We are in process of developing some fundraising strategies and we also ask that staff consider giving 0-5% of their salaries. Jerry outlines several ways to do that.

II. Scriptural thoughts on this situation.

- A. Do not be afraid. Give sacrificially first and trust God to provide. (1 Kings 17; 2 Samuel 4:24)

Application questions:

1. How could it be challenging for someone who depends on others for their salary to give generously?

2. How does prayer make a difference when it comes to financial needs?

3. Why is scary to give sacrificially before we see how we're going to make it?
