

Fundraising

Biblical examples of Fundraising:

1. 1 Kings 17

Would you insist that a poor widow saying that she was making her last meal should give it to Elijah? Yet look at the blessing *she* received! What might have happened if she had not responded to Elijah's request?

2. Luke 8

Jesus himself received funds from his followers. How interesting that women made up the majority of the givers mentioned. Studies show that women's influence tends to be the same today. (See [Indiana University Study](#)) Why do you think this might be true?

God seems to want us to learn total dependence on him! What needs in your life have precipitated a dependence on God rather than yourself?

Scott R. Rodin and Gary Hoag in their book, "The Sower," describe biblical fundraising as "transforming" us into generous givers rather than "transactions" of giving and receiving; measuring activities more than income. What would this look like in your ministry?

Measuring:

1. Relationships
2. Prayer and thankfulness
3. Informing others about the ministry to which God has called you
4. The donor as more important than their donation; ensuring that they are transformed to give where God is directing them, not necessarily to your ministry
5. Time management to reflect your Funding Mix needs
6. Ensuring that you have appropriate, quality, materials to explain the ministry

Always be ready to have a simple answer ready to explain your ministry and what it might look like for others to participate with you.

May God bless your work!