MENTORING OTHERS

12-What's the Right Approach To Regular Gifting?

(This is a mentoring article)

As part of our sonship, we should be freely giving out to others from whatever the Kingdom supplies to us. That's a Kingdom principle.[1] In addition, we should give as the Spirit identifies a need to us.

There can be quite a lot of pressure on us to give financially as people are often begging us 'well-off' Aussies to share our good fortune with them. Any of this type of request needs to be assessed properly before agreeing to supply finances, unless the Spirit definitely prompts us to give. I use the word 'definitely' on purpose, because a lot of giving can be undertaken out of an emotional reasponse or from coercion/manipulation, which are mistaken motives.

There is nothing wrong with taking time to assess someone's request for money, as it gives you space to think it through. In addition, there's nothing wrong with saying "No!" to someone's request. Most importantly, functioning out of who we are as a son, and with the maturity we've gained in our sonship, should put us on a sure footing to soundly and thoughtfully processes through any request. Incidentally, sons aren't under pressure to give away everything they have and "follow Jesus" – that's a false use of that NT incident. Father never puts pressure on us, not for any reason. Pressure can be applied to us by others, or it can be self-inflicted, because of religion, doubt, insecurity, and the enemy's whisper.

In my past immaturity, I've been 'stung' supporting Christians overseas. They gave me all sorts of stories of difficulty, which turned out to not be 100% truthful when I did some investigation. So now, I won't personally give finances just because someone "urgently" needs it.

The following is my advice to those who give or receive financial gifts. These are from my experience and from the wisdom I've leaned from Father.

NOTE: I haven't received a prophetic message on this topic, so I can't claim direct divine inspiration for the content below.

Personal: To the Receiver

If/when you receive financial gifts from someone on a regular basis, it would be wise for sons to follow there guidelines. The purpose of this advice is to put you in the right attitude and the correct functional position:

1. What the giver decides to supply, or what Father has prompted them to give to you regularly, is a gift, not an allowance.
2. An allowance or living expenses/support has to be formalized some way (e.g. in writing), so that it's understood to be an allowance – Otherwise, it is just an independent, but regular gift.
3. Remember, a gift can cease being supplied at any time – It's the grace of the giver that continues it, but it should be seen by you as being only for a season.
4. Don't ask for an advance on the next deposit of money – Manage your finances without completely relying on the giftings you receive.

1 – "These Days My People Are Helping Each Other To Succeed" (30-4-2026)
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5. Be responsible for yourself in all areas of your life – That responsibility goes with having the autonomy to make our own decisions, which was given to all humanity at Creation.
6. Be particularly responsible with your use of the finances given to you – That's good stewardship of the finances given to you, and you're honouring our King when you do.
7. Apart from the gifted finance, Father will freely assist you when you totally trust him – The remainder of the time, he works 'behind the scenes' in your life.
8. 'Trust' is a more accurate word to use, rather than 'faith' – Your attitude with supply needs to be like sitting on a wooden chair where you have no thought that it will collapse under your weight. That's why 'trust' is a better word than 'faith'. Trust is implicit, not based on your mental ability to have faith.
9. You must learn to trust Father – He knows what you need.
10. Our King will supply you with your needs through his Kingdom – That requires you to rely on the Kingdom to be your source of supply, not the person supporting you with gifted finance, and on nothing else.
11. You can make a decision to have a job or run a business, instead of trusting the Kingdom's supply – That's not wrong. It's part of your autonomy as a human being.
12. However, you need to learn not to put your trust in that job or enterprise for our supply – Only the Kingdom is the entity that you should completely trust, even though income may come from other sources you have generated.
13. Absolute trust in the Kingdom's supply is very hard to do, but that's where your trust needs to be – It's a learning process to get to that point.
14. The supply of all your needs has been guaranteed, according to the trust you've learned to operate in through the difficulties which have trained you – That's a Kingdom principle.
15. Father will put you in difficult situations to see if you'll really trust him – Think of the 3 Israelites in Nebuchadnezzar's furnace, or Daniel in the lion's den.
16. NOTE: Even those in our affluent nation have to live by this same trust.

Personal: To the Giver

At all times, we need to be careful how we give financially. There are many rorts going on, even among believers[2], so be cautious. In this litigious society there's also the added possibility that a receiver will use the legal system to extract money from you. I can't give any instances from my experience, but I know from being involved in a number of deceased estates, that some individuals will use the law to try to extract what's never intended to be theirs.

Here is my advice to givers:

1. Don't make promises – give what you can, when you can.
2. Make it clear with the receiver whether a series of you gifting to them will be long-term or not.
3. Advise the receiver that you set the amount, not them – Give what you're able to or determine is enough.
4. Don't let the receiver force you in any way to give more or more often – Keep it set and stick to it.
5. Don't be afraid or concerned to stop supporting the receiver when you decide to stop giving.
6. Give the receiver advance notice when you've decided to stop giving – You're responsibility is to steward your own finances, not their financial state.
7. If you decide to cease giving to them, make sure it's with the right heart attitude – Not with regret,

2 – 'believer': My expression for those who believe in what was accomplished by the man Jesus. It includes Christians, plus those who have a relationship with the Trinity outside of the structured church.

disappointment, anger, resentment, etc.

8. It's your gifting – The receiver has no say in what, when and how you support them financially.
9. Whatever you give away, take your hands off it immediately it has been transferred – Whatever amount it happens to be, it now belongs to the person receiving it, and they are free to do whatever they like with it.[3]
10. However, monitor what the receiver does with what you give them – This will help you determine whether to give to them in the future.

Pointers

Giving financially is a minefield, so tread carefully when you decide to give or ask for financial support.

Be prepared for your relationship with the person you gift financially to potentially be in tatters at the end of the time. They may resent you stopping the finance because they've come to depend on it instead of the Kingdom's supply. That's even true for giving to believers, as I've experienced personally.

Don't be fearful to give, but be wise about it and let the Spirit guide you in the process. Make sure you hear directly from him when you say "The Spirit told me to …"

IMPORTANT: What I've written may seem harsh, but any type of giving – especially financially – is not just about being loving and compassionate. You see, believers operate just as much out of their emotions and attitudes as non-believers, they just don't know that they do. This soulishness will usually become evident as soon as one of the two involved in the transaction don't get what they want. However, love and compassion should not be dismissed so that we become hard towards each other. That would easily demonstration that our heart is operating in unrighteousness.

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3 – "A Kingdom Principle Behind Giving Things Away" (30-10-2019)
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