

SUPPORTING UNEMPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS

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How can we help church members affected by unemployment? God's love requires us to pay closer attention to families in our church without regular income. First, we should assist with basic needs such as food and housing. Additionally, we can help them prepare for the job market, always following Paul's advice: "He who shows mercy, [do it] with cheerfulness" (Romans 12:8). After all, any of us could face a similar situation in the future.

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For those without a regular income, it's vital to decide to be faithful to God by returning tithes and offerings to Him. You might wonder if it is not insensitive to suggest this to someone without income. We often think we can only be faithful in tithes and offerings if we have something to give. However, the book of Genesis shows that Jacob, the second tither mentioned in the Bible, became a tither when he had no job, was on the run, and his pillow was a stone (Genesis 28:10-22).

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This story teaches us faithfulness arises in the believer's mind and heart before anything is brought to God's storehouse. A person without income who decides to be faithful should not feel unfaithful because they have nothing to bring to the Lord!

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Those without income can reaffirm their commitment to be faithful to God in tithes once they have an income or increase. They may also choose a percentage of their income to be regularly presented to God as their "Promise" offering after any income or increase. This practice reflects the belief that the "giving" process always starts with God, who blesses us. We recognize the heavenly origin of every financial blessing by returning a tithe of all and "Promise" offerings to Him.

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If you have a regular income and recognize it as a blessing from God, reaffirm now your commitment to be faithful in tithes and offerings to Him. Help those currently unemployed with food, prayers, and guidance. If you are unemployed, express to God your commitment to be faithful to Him. Trust Him, ask for strength and wisdom, and a job. Once employed or having an income, remember Him because "it is He who gives you the power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers." Deuteronomy 8:18. As we return our tithe and Promise offerings, let us put our desires last and God first!