



FINANCIAL CONNECTION

It is the goal of the OroNaz Finance Team to keep this church family updated on our financial blessings and challenges. Through this expanded Financial Connection we share biblical teachings that direct the decisions made by the CLT and we hope you can find application to your life as well.

King Solomon is known for his wisdom and wealth during his reign over Israel. This month we'll look at several Proverbs of Solomon that impact our personal finances.

Over the past several years, OroNaz has been navigating a tight financial situation. We have experienced fluctuating tithes and attendance which are the two primary factors that contribute to OroNaz's finances. Despite those fluctuations, God has provided everything we have needed. When the Finance Team meets each month we look for ways to diligently steward all that God has given to OroNaz, as we are instructed multiple times in Proverbs:

Proverbs 10:4: "Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth."
This verse guides us to be proactive and to work hard in all that we do.

Proverbs 21:5: "The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty." This verse is a reminder that any plan should be carefully thought out and intentionally made.

Proverbs 13:4: "A sluggard's appetite is never filled, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied." This verse guides us to be faithful workers, day in and day out. When the work or project is aligned with God's plan, it will come to fruition.

These are three of many verses throughout the Bible regarding diligence. Diligence is defined as "constant and earnest effort to accomplish something." This is an important concept when talking about finances because God is reminding us that it's not just what you do, but also how you do it. **What** you

do with your finances matters to God! He gives us the blueprint for Godly living and Godly finances: develop a plan, live on less than you make, give to those in need, and give back to your local church. **How** we think about and manage our finances also matters to God! We shouldn't treat our money like an afterthought; looking back at the month and wondering, "where did the money go?" Rather, God wants us to work hard at a carefully thought out plan and stick to that plan month after month.

The Finance Team at OroNaz has tried to be as transparent as possible in recent years when it comes to how we steward God's finances. We have been working diligently to develop a financial plan that meets the needs and desires of pastors, staff, CLT and congregants alike. As we have worked so diligently, OroNaz no longer finds itself in as tight of a financial situation. God has abundantly blessed this church and its congregation. As we walk in this season of abundance, the guiding biblical principles do not change! The Finance Team will continue to diligently steward every dollar that is given. We will continue to lean in to God's word as we search and listen for His will for His church.

If you ever have questions about the finances at OroNaz or about personal finances, feel free to reach out to us at finances@oronaz.org.

August is the 6th month of the annual budget year that runs March 2023 to February 2024. Thank you for your continued financial commitment; it is a testament to what God is doing in us and through us. Please pray and/or give as God leads.

Projected budget March 2023-February 2024:	\$730,070
Needed for Essentials –Aug 2023	\$53,625
Needed for Other Exp. - Aug 2023	\$7,214
Giving for August 2023	\$59,055
Expenses paid in August 2023	\$57,822
Needed Year to Date	\$365,035
Giving Year to Date	\$406,164
Expenses Paid Year to Date	\$359,277
Shares for Others Paid Year to Date	
World Evangelism Fund	\$22,033
Pensions & Benefits	\$8,891
Education	\$8,891
District Ministries	\$15,806