

FINANCIAL CONNECTION

For this month's Financial connection, we'll dive into Proverbs 13:22a.

"A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children".

This seems fairly straight forward, right? This Old Testament passage is instructing us to have something, i.e. money or possessions, that can then be passed on to the next generation. In order to do this, the Bible instructs us to steward our finances by living on less than we make, tithe to the church, and save for the future. As we are able to do these things, many are able to leave a monetary inheritance for future generations.

However, when Jesus was giving the Sermon on the Mount, some may have felt that He contradicted this Old Testament proverb. Matthew 6:19-20 records, *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."* This verse can be interpreted that we shouldn't save for our earthly future because this world is temporary, whereas making heavenly deposits is for eternity.

In order to marry the Old with the New, Christ makes sure to conclude this thought with, *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* It all goes back to our heart and how we perceive our finances. We are called to save for the future and leave an inheritance for future generations, but it goes far beyond money or possessions.

As friends, colleagues, or family pass from this life to the next, the greatest inheritance they could give is not necessarily financial or our physical possessions. Rather, it is the legacy they have passed down to their children and their children's children that really gives us a window into what *storing up treasures in heaven* really looks like. At the recent Cornerstone Pie Fest, it was

an honor to be in the room to watch our congregation come alongside our Youth. Teaching, guiding, and molding our children and grandchildren is another way to pass on an inheritance of immense value. As you look to your future and contemplate the legacy you want to leave, may Christ be your example: a legacy of love.

The Finance Team and the CLT want to proactively steward the finances that have been given to us. A part of stewardship is transparency and communication to our congregants. If you ever have questions about the finances at OroNaz or if you would like biblical counsel 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 2025 to February 2026. Thank you for your continued financial commitment; it is a testament to what God is doing in us and through us.

Our Pastor, CLT, Treasurer (Joey McCoy) and Finance Team welcome your questions and feedback. Please email the Finance Team at finance@oronaz.org to start a conversation.

Projected budget March 2025-February 2026:	\$637,218
Needed per budget for August 2025	\$53,102
Giving for August 2025	\$44,044
Expenses paid in August 2025	\$45,887
Needed Year to Date	\$318,612
Giving Year to Date	\$292,378
Expenses Paid Year to Date	\$270,333

Shares for Others Paid Year to Date	
World Evangelism Fund	\$15,674
Nazarene Benefits	\$5,700
Education	\$7,125
District Ministries	\$14,247