

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 will share biblical teachings that direct the decisions made by the CLT and we hope you can find application to your life as well.

For the past several weeks, OroNaz has been focusing on the Kingdom Value of *Stewardship*.

For our Sunday morning teaching during the last week of September, Joey McCoy preached on the need to *steward the responsibilities* that God has given you in proportion to your ability. The first week of October, Barry Franks preached on how to *steward your finances* in a way that honors God. To finish up the Kingdom Value of *Stewardship*, Pastor Dar will preach on the need to *steward your time, talents, and gifts*. If you missed any of those Sundays, we would encourage you to go back and watch those teachings on YouTube or Facebook (@OroNazChurch). These three teachings help us understand **what stewardship** means; that it refers to more than just physical possessions and **how** to practice biblical *stewardship*, but have you ever wondered, **WHY?**! In this financial connection, we will look at a parable where Jesus reinforced **why** we need to *steward everything* that God has given us.

In Luke's Gospel, we find the Parable of the Shrewd Manager. In the parable, Jesus is very direct:

"Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home. If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?"

(Luke 16:9-11 NLT)

Why is it important to be generous with physical possessions? Because caring

for one another is how we show God’s love. **Why** is it important to be a careful steward with small things? So that we can be entrusted with greater things! **Why** is it important to act with integrity in all matters, great or small? Because dishonesty separates you from the presence of our heavenly father.

We know **what** *stewardship* encompasses, we know **why** it is important to practice Godly *stewardship*, and we recognize it matters **how** we view ‘our’ worldly possessions; as we grow in Christ, our perspective should shift more and more to HIS perspective. When we say ‘YES!’ to Christ, we are also saying yes to HIS way of living. It is through our choices and lifestyle that others see we are different from the world. In all we do and think we want to honor God, no matter how big or small, because He has called us to do so! He has called us to be his stewards.

If you would like to talk more about practical, biblical steps toward financial freedom and stewarding the resources God has provided to you, please reach out to the finance team at finance@oronaz.org or to Barry Franks at franks-family@sbcglobal.net.

September is the 7th 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 September 2025	\$53,102
Giving for September 2025	\$92,787
Expenses paid in September 2025	\$54,222
Needed Year to Date	\$371,714
Giving Year to Date	\$385,165
Expenses Paid Year to Date	\$321,556

Shares for Others Paid Year to Date	
World Evangelism Fund	\$20,783
Nazarene Benefits	\$7,557
Education	\$9,447
District Ministries	\$18,891