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Micah 3:11

“Her *leaders* judge for reward, and her priests teach for hire, and her prophets divine for money...” Micah 3:11

The Gospel is to be freely given and proclaimed. “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons; freely you have received, freely give.” (Matthew 10:8). When spiritual leaders begin to demand payment for their ministry they very quickly fall into error, even as Balaam did. (Numbers 22:23 – 24; 2 Peter 2:15 – 16; Jude 11; Revelation 2:14). “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight of it, not by constraint but willingly, not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind.” (1 Peter 5:2)

Now, those in full-time ministry do have a Biblical right and expectation to support in material things, yet to demand it would be to miss the spirit of the matter. God Himself will provide. “Where God guides, God provides.”

Christian worker, it is critically important to the credibility of your message and ministry that you learn to look to the Lord for your provision. Yes, He will use men (Luke 6:38), but our eye must always be on His hand not men’s. “My God shall supply all my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19).

“Father, help me to walk in integrity of heart before You and before men, that the Gospel be not discredited. I also lift up my spiritual leaders that they too, will look to Your hand and not to the hand of men for all of their support. Help me to be a blessing to them, to be sensitive to their needs and may I be quick to obey Your promptings when You lead me to give! In Jesus’ name, Amen!”

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