

Raising Resources for Ministry -- God's High Calling for Christian Leaders

Heroes of the faith that raised resources for the Lord's work.

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Teaching on generosity and raising resources for God's work have always been a significant part of spiritual ministry in the lives of God's people. Yet some Christians view raising needed funds and resources as something unspiritual.

The chart on the right reminds us that seeking and receiving God's provisions has always been an important part of God's work. The list of leaders who actively sought God's provisions is a "Who's Who" of great Bible heroes.

If you take time to go through these Scriptures and examine the methods used, you will likely find fresh encouragement and direction on how God wants to provide for the needs of your ministry. As you look to the Lord and His Word, you'll gain new insights on how to become a more effective Christian leader and fundraiser.

And the next time you are involved in a fundraising activity or in teaching biblical stewardship principles, remember that you're in great company!

*"Everything that
was written in
the past was
written to
teach us."*

Romans 15:4

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LEADERS	NEED	METHODS	REFERENCES
King David	Building Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Planning Time Alone with God ■ Large Lead Gift Given ■ Leadership Meeting & Gifts ■ Gifts-In-Kind 	<input type="checkbox"/> I Chron 28:12,19 <input type="checkbox"/> I Chron 29:2-5 <input type="checkbox"/> I Chron 29:5-9 <input type="checkbox"/> I Chron 29:8
Moses	Building Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Large Group Meeting ■ Offerings Accepted ■ Skilled Volunteer Labor 	<input type="checkbox"/> Ex 35:4 <input type="checkbox"/> Ex 20-34, 36:3-7 <input type="checkbox"/> Ex 35:10,30-35
Nehemiah	Building Renovations Annual Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Personal Prayer ■ Major Donor Call ■ Government Grant ■ Executive Planning ■ Pivotal Leadership Meeting ■ Volunteer Labor ■ Debt Counseling and Action ■ Executive Salaries Reduced ■ Personal Lead Gift ■ Leadership Gifts ■ Public Gifts ■ Signed Stewardship Covenant ■ Development Offc. Established ■ Reorganization Plan 	<input type="checkbox"/> Neh 1:4-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 2:1-8 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 2:7,8 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 2:11-16 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 2:17,18 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 3, 4:14-21, 6:15 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 5:1-13 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 5:14,15,18 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 7:70 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 7:70,71 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 7:72 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 9:37-10:39 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 12:44-47 <input type="checkbox"/> Neh 13:4-14
King Joash	Building Renovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Development Staff Failure ■ Designated Giving Program 	<input type="checkbox"/> II Kings 12:4-8 <input type="checkbox"/> II Kings 12:9-16
King Hezekiah	Annual Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Personal Gift ■ Leadership Announcement ■ Development Dept. Established 	<input type="checkbox"/> II Chron 31:3 <input type="checkbox"/> II Chron 31:4-10 <input type="checkbox"/> II Chron 31:11-21
King Solomon	Annual Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major Donor Relations 	<input type="checkbox"/> I Kings 10:1-10 <input type="checkbox"/> I Kings 4:7,27,28
Ezra	Building Renovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Major Donor Relations ■ Freewill Offerings ■ Government Grant ■ Leadership Gifts 	<input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 7:6,15 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 7:16 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 6:3-15, 7:11-23 <input type="checkbox"/> Ezra 2:68,69
Apostles	Benevolence Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Foundation Board ■ Personal Donor Relations 	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 4:34-5:2 <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 5:3-11
Jesus	General Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Personal Ministry Relations ■ Stretching Provided Resources 	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 8:2,3 <input type="checkbox"/> Matt 14:17-21
Paul	Relief Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Large Group Mailing ■ Stewardship Teaching ■ Field Representatives 	<input type="checkbox"/> I Cor 16:1-3 <input type="checkbox"/> II Cor 8,9 <input type="checkbox"/> II Cor 8:16-24
Elijah	General Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Miraculous Provision ■ One-on-One Donor Call ■ Stewardship Teaching 	<input type="checkbox"/> I Kings 17:1-7 <input type="checkbox"/> I Kings 17:8-16 <input type="checkbox"/> I Kings 17:13,14
Joshua	Relocation Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Strategic Mkt. and Expansion Plan 	<input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 24
Haggai	Ministry & Idg Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Stewardship Teaching 	<input type="checkbox"/> Haggai 1