



Pay a **LIVING WAGE**

I Tim. 5:17-18 NLT Elders who do their work well should be **paid well**, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching. For the **Scripture** says, "Do not keep an ox from eating as it treads out the grain." And in another place, "Those who work **deserve their pay!**"

I COR. 9:3-14 This is my defense to those who sit in judgment on me. ⁴Don't we have the right to food and drink? ⁵Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas? ⁶Or is it only I and Barnabas who must work for a living? ⁷Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk? ⁸Do I say this merely from a human point of view? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? ⁹For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because when the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. ¹¹If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? ¹²If others have this **right of support** from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ. ¹³Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? ¹⁴In the same way, the **Lord** has **commanded** that those who **preach the gospel** should **receive** their **living** from the **gospel**.

Liberty Church pay scale for Pastors _____ per week

What about ministers who get **WEALTHY** on the tithes of God's people.

II COR. 2:17 **Unlike so many**, we do not **peddle** the word of God for **profit**.

II COR. 6:3&10 We put no stumbling block in anyone's path so that our ministry will not be discredited, rather as servants of God we COMMEND ourselves in every way -----vs. 10 **poor**, yet making many rich; **having nothing**, and yet possessing everything.

II Cor. 8:20 We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. ²¹For we are taking pains to do what is right, **not only** in the eyes of the Lord but **also** in the **eyes** of **men**.

I Tim 6:6-12 But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹People who **want** to get **rich** fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, **eager** for **money**, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹But you, **man of God, flee from all this**, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Luke 16:13-15 "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve both God and Money.**" ¹⁴ The Pharisees, who **loved money**, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵ He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is **highly valued** among men is **detestable** in God's sight.

I Cor. 4:6-13 **Message of ministers** – Let nothing of this world _____ you from God's eternal purpose.