

## Five Financial Principals of The New England Alliance

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We adhere to the following biblical financial principals:

1. We trust in God, not in money. Jesus is our life blood. God's power makes everything go. God can accomplish anything with or without money. In light of this, we will abstain from taking up offerings whenever God requests.

“Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God” – Matthew 4:4 + Deuteronomy 8:3

“You cannot serve both God and money.” Matthew 6:24

2. As we offer opportunity for others to invest financially, we in leadership commit to do so as first fruits, leading by example. Tithing on a portion is encouraged.

“What good is it, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds?” James 2:14

“Do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.” Matt 23:3

3. We won't manipulate people for money. God uses men and money as He sees fit. We leave such conviction to the Holy Spirit, who is a gentleman. We will guard against a spirit of financial fear masquerading as Godly teaching or wisdom. We will not lead people into the temptation of greed by suggesting they give to get.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

“I have never seen the righteous' children go begging for bread” Psalm 37:25

4. When we fundraise, let's do it for others. This was the practice of Paul. We acknowledge and pay heed to the sometimes subtle difference in communicating financial needs or avenues for giving, versus outright asking people for money.

“It is more blessed to give than receive” Acts 20:35

“Now about the collection for Jerusalem: each one of you should set aside money so that when I come no collections will have to be made.” 1 Corinthians 16:1

5. We won't monetize the gospel. This is why Jesus overturned the moneychanger's tables and Martin Luther began the reformation.

“Freely you have received, freely give” Matt 10:8

“Having hearts trained in greed, they followed the way of Balaam” 2 Peter 2:15