

# THINKING BIBLICALLY

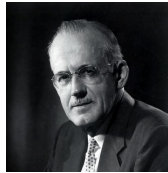
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**"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us..."**

**Were we able to extract from any man a complete answer to the question, "What comes into your mind when you think about God?" we might predict with certainty the spiritual future of that man.**

*— A.W. Tozer - Knowledge of the Holy*

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## PRE-WORK

Communication with Potential Donors



Spiritual Preparation



- [Faith and Finance Message](#)
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- [Overcoming Roadblocks and Godly Beliefs](#)
- [Fortresses](#)

Getting Organized



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What is your biggest support raising roadblock?

What are ungodly beliefs tied to that roadblock?

What are some scriptures that you are using to overcome that ungodly belief?

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YOU ARE **NOT** A BEGGAR!



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**ELIJAH RAISED  
SUPPORT**

**1 KINGS 17: 8-16**

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**1 KINGS 17:8-13 (NLT)**

8 Then the Lord said to Elijah, 9 "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you." 10 So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, "Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?" 11 As she was going to get it, he called to her, "Bring me a bite of bread, too."

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**1 KINGS 17:8-13 (NLT)**

12 But she said, "I swear by the Lord your God that I don't have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die." 13 But Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you've said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what's left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son."

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**1 KINGS 17:14-16 (NLT)**

14 For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the Lord sends rain and the crops grow again!" 15 So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days. 16 There was always enough flour and olive oil left in the containers, just as the Lord had promised through Elijah.

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

How would you feel about asking this widow to provide for you?

What benefit did this woman receive because Elijah asked?

What does this story teach you about raising support?

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**JESUS RAISED SUPPORT**

**LUKE 8:1-3**

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**LUKE 8:1-3 (NLT)**

1 Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him, 2 along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons; 3 Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's business manager; Susanna; and many others who were **contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.**

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Jesus chose  
**INTERDEPENDENCE**  
over independence.

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**JESUS' DISCIPLES**  
**RAISED SUPPORT**

**LUKE 10:1-11**

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**LUKE 10:1-4 (NLT)**

10 The Lord now chose seventy-two[a] other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. 2 These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. 3 Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. 4 Don't take any money with you, nor a traveler's bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And don't stop to greet anyone on the road.

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**LUKE 10:5-7 (NLT)**

5 "Whenever you enter someone's home, first say, 'May God's peace be on this house.' 6 If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. 7 Don't move around from home to home. Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide. Don't hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay.

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**LUKE 10:8-11 (NLT)**

8 "If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you. 9 Heal the sick, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God is near you now.' 10 But if a town refuses to welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'We wipe even the dust of your town from our feet to show that we have abandoned you to your fate. And know this—the Kingdom of God is near!'

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**"THOSE WHO WORK  
DESERVE THEIR PAY."**

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**THE APOSTLE PAUL  
RAISED SUPPORT\_**

**1 CORINTHIANS 9:1-14**

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**1 CORINTHIANS 9:1-14 (NIV)**

1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord? 2 Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

3 This is my defense to those who sit in judgment on me. 4 Don't we have the right to food and drink?

5 Don'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? 6 Or is it only I and Barnabas who lack the right to not work for a living?

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**1 CORINTHIANS 9:1-14 (NIV)**

7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk? 8 Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? 9 For 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? 10 Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because whoever plows and threshes should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. 11 If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you?

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**1 CORINTHIANS 9:1-14 (NIV)**

12 If 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.

13 Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple, and that those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar?

14 In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

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**WASN'T PAUL A  
TENTMAKER?**



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**WASN'T PAUL A TENTMAKER?**

**THESSALONICA - 2 THESS. 3:8-9**

*Setting an example for lazy people*

**EPHESUS - ACTS 20: 33-34**

*Avoiding accusations of ministry for personal financial gain*

**CORINTH - ACTS 18:4-5, 2 COR 11:9, & PHIL 4:15**

*Temporary support in response to spiritual immaturity*

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**DISCUSSION QUESTION:**

What is your biggest takeaway from this section?

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