

Teach how financial management affects a missionary's ability to serve.

Counting the cost of Deputation

Luke 14:28-29 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

1. The calling phase *which of you*
2. The intention *intending*
3. The priority of pausing *sitteth first*
4. The accounting of the ministry *counting the cost*
 1. *Will I have enough to get there*
 2. *Will I have enough to stay there*
 3. *Will I have enough to come back*
5. The shame prevention clause *mock him*

How financial management affects ability to serve

1. It will hinder your marriage.

1. Wife not stressed over \$, will help her heart be more involved in Family & ministry.
2. Children will sense the tenseness of mom & dad
3. The bliss becomes blisters
4. The delights becomes discussions
5. The money becomes the theme not the marriage.

6. Your children hurt
7. Your wife hurts
- 2. It will hinder your ministry.**
 1. Less preaching
 2. Less touching hearts
 3. Reach less
 4. Go less
 - 5.
- 3. It will hinder your ministry partners.**
 1. Your sending church
 2. Your supporting church
 3. Your sending agency

Ministry Advice and Counsel

Raise 100% of your needed funds

Pay attention to your \$

Be organized in your record keeping &
in business matters.

Make provision for your family - will, life ins.

health ins. Make your wishes known - make sure
wife & children know there is a plan in place; it brings
calmness & security during crisis time

Work together on budget

Review where you are periodically; circumstances
change

Live on less than you make

Don't get into credit card debt

Have an Emergency Fund; emergencies will happen

**Examples:

doing it wrong - calling back to home church,
supporting pastors, and mission office for every crisis

Doing it right - don't have to come back from field to
raise more support even if the dollar drops

You can have a more effective ministry if your not
stressed over every penny.

Balance trusting in God's provision of needs and
keeping of wants in check.