

# The Church is Always Asking for Money?

Besides failing to understand the importance to spiritual growth of teaching stewardship, many of us have let ourselves become victims of the mindset of the un-churched (as well as some of our regular members): “The Church is Always Asking for Money.”

Actually, this is completely untrue. It is the world that is always asking for money, not the Church. When did you last go to the grocery store and the check-out person failed to ask for your money? Your mortgage company asks for money with unfailing regularity. If you are like most people, each month brings a collection of bills. Are any of them from the Church? Who withholds a percentage of every dollar you earn? Revenue Canada does that. Your Creator in Heaven does not.

There is no free lunch, except at the Church. You can attend worship every week; there is no admission charge. If you are hospitalized, one of the clergy will visit you. Where else can you get free counseling when you need it? People receive church newsletters regularly. No one receives a subscription notice asking for money.

You have to pay taxes to provide your children “free” public education, but your Church operates children’s ministries and youth ministries which give quality Christian education with absolutely no cost or obligation. The Church requires no membership fee, no annual dues. It never sends its members a bill. Is there any other organization in the world that functions this way? You see, the truth is, the Church asks for money less than anyone.

Consider this paradox. Compared to the government and the bill collectors, the Church almost *never* demands money. Yet of all the things your money could be used for, which could be more important than what the Church provides?

The Church is here to share the love of Jesus Christ Himself. Our money goes to serve Him. The Church will continue to provide ministry in Jesus’ name to everyone, whether they contribute or not.