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### WHAT'S INSIDE

This study examines our relationship with God and our relationship with money and speaks about how City Bible Forum seeks to support its work.

### HOW TO USE THESE STUDIES



These EPT studies are short modules to help workers think more deeply about different areas of your workplace witness. They are designed to be used in Evangelistic Prayer Teams (EPTs), but can also be used in any small group setting.

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## RELY ON GOD – HOW IS CITY BIBLE FORUM FUNDED?

**“Our attitude towards money is a direct reflection of our trust in God.”  
What do you think?**

### **BIG IDEA**

God cares for us and provides for our needs. When we trust in him and his provision, we don't need to worry about money.



### From the Bible

While you read – why serve a master?

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup> “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Matthew 6:24-33**



## Key Truths

1. We all have a master. Often the choice is between money and God. You can't serve both.
2. Worrying doesn't change anything, except how we feel.
3. God cares for birds and flowers, and he provides for them. God cares much more for us, therefore he will provide for our needs too.
4. God cares for us and provides for our needs. If we trust him, we will seek him rather than the things we need.

*Thoughts? Questions? Words of testimony?*



## Application

When we serve money, it is an expression of trust in ourselves (or others) rather than in God. We can't serve God and money because we need to either trust in God or in money. In the end, only God is the true provider.





*How easy is it to not worry and trust God's provision?*

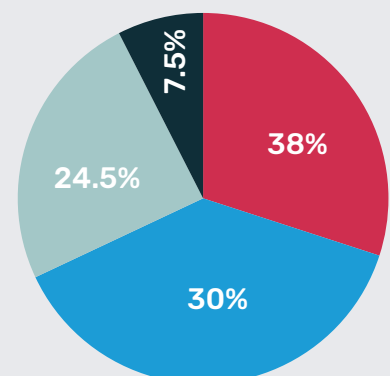
## So, how is City Bible Forum funded?

City Bible Forum, like most mission organisations, operates by the generosity of God through his people. That's no small thing to acknowledge – God provides and we trust in his provision through his people.

There are four main income streams for City Bible Forum: Regular financial support, one-off appeals (twice a year), partnership with churches, and other sources such as tickets, book sales, and speaking fees.

### City Bible Forum's National Income Target - \$3,125,889

	Regular financial support –	30%
	One off appeals –	38%
	Church & business – partnerships	24.5%
	Other – (event tickets, book sales etc)	7.5%





Our goal is to continue raising our regular support so our two annual appeals are more manageable, and we can focus more on the work of reaching the world through the workplace with the good news of Jesus.

- Could you give regularly to support the work of City Bible Forum?
- Are you someone through whom God is seeking to demonstrate his generosity?
- If you already give, thank you for your support. We give thanks to God for your generosity!
- If you have given irregularly, is it time to start giving regularly?
- If you have been giving regularly, is it time to consider increasing your support?

You can give at [citybibleforum.org/donate](http://citybibleforum.org/donate).



## Prayer

- Praise God for his generosity through his people.
- Pray for discernment about how to best give with what God has entrusted you.
- Pray for your attitude to money. Are you in danger of serving money and not God?
- Pray that God would use all money given for his glory.

### Remember as you pray:



**Coffee**



**Dinner**



**Gospel**

