



*Wind & Fire*  
Ministries

## **Financial & Fund-Raising Guidelines**

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**We believe that the way an organization handles itself in the financial arena is a reflection of its values and integrity in every area. We have, therefore, established these strict limitations on the way our resources are used.**

1. This ministry belongs to God. It does not belong to any one individual.
2. One of the ways we can discern the Lord's will regarding the continuation of this ministry is through the support He sends (or doesn't send) from His people. This ministry will cease operation when He is through with it and stops funding it.
3. During lean times we will make our obligations known to our friends - but we will not resort to "gimmicks" to obtain funds. We will never resort to what we consider to be dishonorable methods of fund-raising, even when the needs are serious. The ministry believes that God's people who listen to Him will respond to meet our needs.
4. We will ask people not to support this ministry or any other Christian program until their obligations to the local church have been met. Our donor's tithes belong to the church in which they are fed or in the case of ministers, to the covering organization.
5. We will not operate the ministry at a deficit. Although from time to time may be necessary to borrow funds for large capital expenditures, such as a new building, we will seek to repay the loans as soon as possible.
6. We consider the contributions we receive to be offerings sent from loving people who have sacrificed to make their gifts possible. Our obligation, therefore, is to spend that money conservatively and wisely in continuing the ministry.
7. We will annually receipt all monetary donations. In the case of material or capital goods being given, the donor is responsible to set the value of the goods. We will provide the donors with a letter indicating the receipt of the goods and it's condition.

8. When we make a purchase, we will pay the invoice within 30 days, if possible. We do not intend to use the vendor's money.

9. We will not willfully try to raise more money than we need.

10. As a 100% volunteer organization we have no payroll. We do however operate an Intercessory Missions Base where individuals may come on as full or part time staff and raise their support. We will from time to time have events and opportunities to generate support for full or part time staff, however, it is the staff volunteer's responsibility to seek the Lord as to how He would have them support themselves.

11. We will never sell or rent our mailing list to those wishing to use the names and addresses of our supporters. We will maintain the tightest security on our list of Cyrus supports or those who have supported in the past.

12. We commit to having skilled bookkeeping staff in the financial arena. This assures the public that Wind & Fire Ministries adheres to ethical accounting, administration, and fundraising practices.

**To summarize, we will try to remember always that Jesus Christ is our possessor and our dispossessor. He ordained and blesses this ministry. It belongs entirely to Him.**