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Why do some ministries have so much money

First of all they are reaping their reward here on earth.

Matthew 6:2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, **They have their reward.**

You see, it takes money to conduct a ministry but most ministries spend multi thousands of dollars in postage alone, sending out guilt mail and gimmick paraphernalia as to why the Lord will bless you if you give to their ministry. You see, they promote the love of money and what does the bible say about that !

1Timothy 6:10 **For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

God will not reward them in heaven, so what they collect in monies here on earth is their reward and dollars and prestige wise. They have a pretty good cash reward, These ministries range from thousands of dollars, to hundreds of thousands, to millions of dollars a month in donations and usually they except a large salary. They use the scriptures below for the reason they send out mail and except exuberant salaries.

Matthew 7:7-11 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

1 Timothy 5:18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, **The labourer is worthy of his reward.**

The bible does say "Give and it shall be given unto you"

Luke 6:38 **Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.**

The telemarketing Christian society use this as a basis for their guilt plea.

They put the emphasis on **MONEY** and that if you give a \$100 dollars, God will give you back a hundred fold or \$10,000 dollars. This is promoting **GREED** and **THE LOVE OF MONEY**.

They will have to stand before Jesus and give account of their motives and actions.

Matthew 12:36 **But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.**

2 Corinthians 5:10 **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**

The reason I call it guilt pleas, is because they play on your emotions.

A personal testimony: " Years ago before the Guilt Gimmicks, the church or the Evangelist would tell of their need and the rest was left up to the Holy Spirit to lay it on the hearts of bible believing Christians as to how much they should give (mind you he speaks in a still small voice and MANY do not hear him) 1Kings 19:12

There were times when I was inspired to give 1/4 of my monthly salary which was \$400 a month at that time. I didn't have it to spare, so I had to juggle expenses in order to be obedient to God. I did not expect a 30, 60, or 100 % fold return. I just did it to be obedient to the Lord and my convictions. **YOU SEE, this is what they count on, is that you will feel guilty and dig deeper.** They know that the majority of all donations come from people that can't afford it.

Over the years, God has supplied our NEEDS and has given us some of the desires of our heart. But it was not a life of luxury as they try to promote in todays society, but we have enjoyed a good life of moderation and haven't lacked in our needs.

Your tithes BELONG to God and if your faithful in that he promises a blessing. Malachi 3:10/11

In case you have forgotten, your tithe is 10% of your income and your offerings are over and above that. If you are not giving your tithes, you are robbing God so don't be blind as to why your always short of finances.

Haggai 1:6 **Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag**

with holes.

Now don't get me wrong, there is nothing in the scriptures that says we can't tell of a need and then we are to trust the Lord to supply, not guilt trips and such. This is a ploy of the devil and it works so the greedy go for it, but when they stand before Christ they will not be able to explain away why they did it.

I noticed the drastic change of the guilt pleas and gimmicks in the mid 1970's. Evangelists or pastors would come to town for special meetings and proclaim they had a ministry from God in raising finances

John 8:44 **Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

Philippians 4:19 **But my God shall supply all your need** according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalms 21:2 **Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips.**

James 1:6 **But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.**

We trust this will shed some truth on the subject.
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