

## February 5, 2022. Local Church Budget

### Thanks to the Master-Consultant

**Appeal:** Luke 14:28

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?”

We worship God with our resources because He is the Master-Consultant. Jesus taught that everything comes with a cost and it is wiser to know the cost and plan. This life management principle applies to all aspects of our existence. Ignoring or neglecting this brings embarrassment, trouble, and pain.

A young man was anxious about his upcoming wedding. He knew that the bride was the one he had dreamed of, but he had some real concerns for their finances as a new couple. He would be the only one earning a salary, and previously as a bachelor, he could hardly reach the next payday without borrowing some money. Surprisingly, after the first month, the first quarter, and first year of marriage, the one income was sufficient for the couple’s expenses. They could even reach the next payday with some bit of savings. The result was great peace of mind. How was that made possible? During their wedding preparation, the pastor counseling them reminded them about the instruction of Jesus “sit down and estimate the cost.” They learned about the importance of a family budget. Neither of the spouses was an accountant, but with practice, discipline, and God’s help, they established a budget, a roadmap for their expense.

Today, we live in a generation that is constantly urging us to use our resources without thinking and planning. Commercials and viral advertising appeal to our senses. Many base spending on what they see, hear, touch, smell, and taste. The result is an unhealthy spending pattern leading to some dire consequences. The Master-Consultant, Owner, and Provider of all resources provides valuable insights to avoid the pitfalls of unwise spending. This week, as we worship with our tithe and regular offerings let us place God and His instructions on the forefront of our lives.

**Prayer:** Lord, we praise you for the multiple resources You have provided us and we thank You for Your valuable instructions.