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### **Local Church Budget**

Jesus told two of His disciples to go to the village next door. He said, "Ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them." Matthew 21:2, 3

This is one of the perplexing stories in the Bible. A modern equivalent might be if you were told to find two limousines with the keys left in them. You find them. As you start the engine, there is a knock at the window. The owner asks, "What are you doing?"

You reply, "The Lord has need of these."

The disciples followed the instructions of Jesus. The owner of the two animals accepted their answer. They brought the animals to their Master.

God had already touched the heart of the owner. The Bible never explains how this happened, but the owner had everything ready for Jesus.

There come times in our lives when God sends a messenger to let us know that God needs us for some special purpose. We don't always understand, but we can know the Lord is calling.

What do you do? Do you listen to the voice of God and walk into the unknown? Or do you ignore His voice? God wants to use you to meet the needs of the various ministries of His church. You will often hear the voice of God and sense the Lord speaking to you to bring your gifts to Him.