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## **Local Church Budget**

Allow me to quote an excerpt from a sermon, “A budget process is a matter of trust. We trust the committee members who come up with the dollar amounts that they need. We trust the Budget Review Committee. We trust the process of open meetings for all to participate. If we are willing to place our trust in the process, then we can place our trust in the budget and all the ministries and missions it represents. At some point we have to decide, I will support this budget, I will support those committee members who have guided and helped manage the financial ministry of our church. I will trust our church’s honest efforts to be faithful to the ministry that God has given us.”<sup>1</sup>

Budgeting is indeed a matter of trust. It shows who we have confidence in. When we budget, it is a sign that we take the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 4:2 seriously. “Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful” (ESV). Ultimately, it shows more than anything else that we trust God, who provides for us in the first place.

As we return our tithes and offerings today, may it be our pledge to practice budgeting. In so doing, not only does it make us better money managers, but it shows who we trust.

1.<https://open.bu.edu/bitstream/handle/2144/498Conversion+of+the+Purse.doc?sequence=1>