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## **Local Church Budget**

Young people can be great supporters and helpers of each other. There was once a teenager who shared that a couple of her friends were struggling with mathematics and needed help. There was a mathematics concept that they found difficult to understand. One day one of these friends told her about their situation. When she heard about the problem her friends were having, she asked if she could share what she knew. Her friends gladly accepted the offer. The outcome was quite interesting. The teenager reported personal growth, just as her friends gained the knowledge and understanding of the mathematical concept. And when it was exam time, all her friends got better grades. Being successful gave them all confidence and they continued to do well in the subject.

One of the lessons of Mark 2:1-12 is that the “stronger” should endeavour to help the weak. In this narrative, we see the paralytic’s four friends, using unconventional ways (that of breaking the roof) to bring their friend to Jesus Christ for healing. Part of every steward’s responsibility is to help those in need.

As we return our tithes and freewill offering today, may the Lord Almighty bless us, and make us willing to help those who are in need. And may those we help find Jesus.