

Deep Places

Have you ever considered some deep places in your heart regarding support raising? During the season of Lent, the early church Fathers established 40 days prior to Easter for reflection and repentance. During this season what reflection and repentance could you consider, regarding your support raising journey?

Our family and culture typically forms our attitudes and actions about finance. And in contrast, even though we know scriptural principles in our head, often it can be difficult to get them into our heart.

Have you considered those deep thoughts and feelings you have associated with support raising? What rises up when you think of this topic? Many missionaries struggle with feelings of fear, shame or even self-sufficiency.

The good news is that the power of God's Word and the ministry of the Holy Spirit can bring healing and freedom deep within. Consider the items below. Whether they seem mild or strong, make note of each one you honestly relate to within your heart.

- Anger or bitterness about needing to raise support
- Lack of appreciation toward ministry partners (taking them for granted)
- Unbelief that God will provide for you
- Fear of man, fear of rejection or shame when asking for support
- Negative memories, pain or hurt regarding those who've discontinued support or said "no"
- Viewing donors more like ATMs instead of MPs (Ministry Partners)
- Self-sufficiency, doing support raising in your own strength, (instead of engaging the Lord)
- Laziness to be fully funded, lack of providing for family and ministry
- People pleasing, being overly sensitive, not willing to ask others for support

Deep heart issues often have spiritual implications. Review your notes from above. Write a Godly or biblical belief statement, to counter each one. Locate a scripture that corresponds with each Godly belief and write them down.

Take the time to probe the deep places in your heart. Spiritual strength and power come from God's principles and promises. Meditating on them in the Lord's presence is the pathway to change and moves them from your head to your heart. You can do it, if you will.

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