

# *Are Believers Entitled to Help?*

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## **Entitlement**

By the way, no one owes you anything. God has promised to supply, and He may well do that through others, but it is wrong to have the attitude that just because a fellow believer has wealth, we deserve a piece of it. God doesn't "tax the rich," He instructs them to be generous.

We must always remember that God is our provider.

It doesn't matter if someone inherited his money or earned it. His money is his, and he is under no obligation to give it to you. In other words, we are not "entitled" to help.

Christianity is not a redistribution of wealth. It isn't a tax the rich system. It isn't communism. Giving is always voluntary in the kingdom of God. If we need money, we bring our needs before God and expect that He will show us how to earn a living or where to go to find what we need. If we have money, we are instructed to give bountifully. But that doesn't mean a fellow-believer may extort money from another.

Another fact to remember is that traveling preacher doesn't have the right to ask for your money. You may give as you purpose in your heart, but don't be manipulated into "emptying your bank account" based on someone saying God will bless you if you do.

### **2 Thessalonians 3:6-12**

*But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, <sup>9</sup>not because we do not*

have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: **If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.** <sup>11</sup>For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

