



FINANCIAL CONNECTION

It is the goal of the OroNaz Finance Team to keep this church family updated on our financial blessings and challenges. Through this expanded Financial Connection we will share biblical teachings that direct the decisions made by the CLT and we hope you can find application to your life as well.

This month we'll focus on *investing money*.

For the past six months we have focused primarily on our relationship with money. Now that the foundation of our perceptions has been laid, what does the Bible say about what we actually do with money?

In Genesis 41, we find Joseph's story giving us our first clue:

"Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine." (Genesis 41:34-36)

For historical context, Joseph was viewed as a wise individual in charge of many things, second only to the Pharaoh of Egypt. Joseph was commissioned by God to set aside portions of crops in preparation for the famine that would come. In the same way, we should also prepare for the future by *investing money*.

If you are currently in a season of abundance, set portions aside for future needs and in preparation for emergencies. Even without being in a season of abundance, finding ways to cut down on monthly costs so there is something *"held in reserve"* is a biblical principal that will grant mental and emotional peace even in uncertain times. Financial experts often suggest having 3-6 months of expenses set aside in reserve.

In addition to having a reserve account in case of emergencies, Joseph’s story suggests that we should set money aside for any upcoming, known expenses as well. This may be a small savings account or it could mean starting to save for college when your children are younger. Regardless, we can financially “*count the cost*” and be prepared for what is coming.

Finally, we should also set money aside during our working years to prepare for retirement. Some financial experts suggest setting 15% aside for future retirement. Ecclesiastes 11:2 tells us to “*Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.*” As we diversify our investments, we can better overcome the bumps in the road that we will encounter.

No matter the season of life or individual financial circumstance, this Genesis passage is instructing us to take a significant portion of our income to prepare for the future which reminds us that *investing money* is a biblical principal we don’t want to overlook.

April is the 2nd month of the annual budget year that runs March 2026 to February 2027. Thank you for your continued financial commitment; it is a testament to what God is doing in us and through us.

Our Pastor, CLT, Treasurer (Joey McCoy) and Finance Team welcome your questions and feedback. Please email the Finance Team at finance@oronaz.org to start a conversation.

Projected budget March 2026-February 2027	\$648,448
Needed for April 2026	\$54,037
Giving for April 2026	\$57,586
Expenses paid in April 2026	\$51,508

Shares for Others Paid Year to Date:

World Evangelism Fund	\$9,392
Nazarene Benefits	\$2,202
Education	\$2,753
District Ministries	\$5,506