

FAMILY FINANCES

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In our earliest days everything everybody received personally or otherwise was voluntarily dumped in the common pot for the expenses of all. But this was when we were still all together.

Now that we're breaking up and your departments are being separated to try to go it alone as much as possible, I, like the Lord, believe that each should be rewarded according to his works and how well he does it and how much faith he has for it.

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And he should certainly receive for his department those gifts which are designated for his or its use and only undesignated gifts be placed in the general fund to be used as needed by those in need.

It's dishonest not to give designated gifts to the person or department to whom they were designated, unless that person or department is willing to donate it to the common cause because they don't need it as much as someone else or some other department does.



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Ill-gotten gains have a way of taking wings, and God collects what you refuse to offer voluntarily and takes a collection in place of the offering, sometimes even more than you should have offered!

It does not pay to rob the poor! Nor to withhold the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields with hard work while you yourself live luxuriously on the proceeds! I do not believe in anyone living beyond their needs. So beware dishonesty and injustice! God is on the side of the poor who are always with us, thanks to His protection and supply, but riches are always fleeting and for the moment.

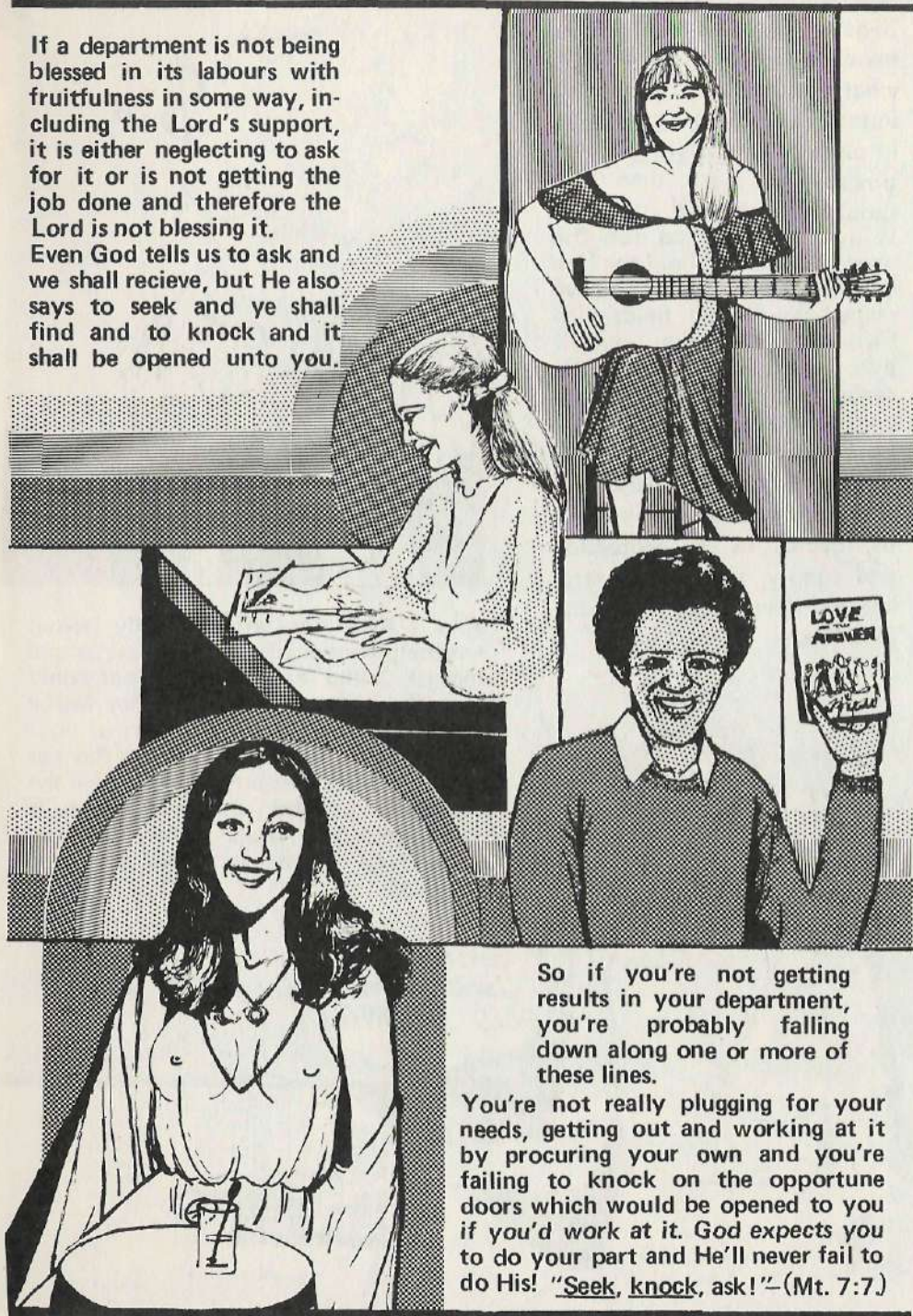


And I have not until recently, asked anything for ourselves beyond our actual meager living expenses. In fact, only recently have we suggested that we be custodians of a very small part of your reserve funds to help to preserve them as well as tide us over any emergency – the economic collapse and war which is surely coming – which is only common sense and a reasonable request in view of the facts.



If a department is not being blessed in its labours with fruitfulness in some way, including the Lord's support, it is either neglecting to ask for it or is not getting the job done and therefore the Lord is not blessing it.

Even God tells us to ask and we shall receive, but He also says to seek and ye shall find and to knock and it shall be opened unto you.



So if you're not getting results in your department, you're probably falling down along one or more of these lines.

You're not really plugging for your needs, getting out and working at it by procuring your own and you're failing to knock on the opportune doors which would be opened to you if you'd work at it. God expects you to do your part and He'll never fail to do His! **"Seek, knock, ask!"**—(Mt. 7:7)