

There are several moral questions that every missionary will face but one of the most troubling is the area of finances. I must make a number of statements about this area and I will direct them at missionaries. Missionary it is not anyone's fault that you are a missionary except God's so if you don't like your calling take it up with Him. Let me expound on that thought as it relates to finances, sometimes missionaries think that all their financial problems need to be solved by those that support them. Because "we" poor missionaries have traveled across the world to carry the gospel and "you people" must support them and meet every need that they have. Their letters are full of demands for needs they feel must be supplied by the churches because we have given it all up to "go". Therefore it is their right (they think) to demand of others to supply them with a life-style that will bring them closer to the one that they have left or better. To me this is highly immoral! Missions must never be about what we have left or sacrificed but about the great privilege of serving God. When did it become a burden to serve God or this awful burden that we must bear to be missionaries? You would think some times that these missionaries think it is the fault of the churches they became missionaries! If a missionary feels that he is under supported then he must ask the question why is God not taken care of me? I have seen some upsetting things as missionary, I watch one missionary post his grocery bill on line to show the poor folks at home how expensive it is to live in his country, but his groceries were 3 times that wages of the people he was supposed to be serving. Another missionary was robbed and called his home pastor and asked him what the pastor was going to do about it. We have those missionaries who jump from church to church to find who will support them the best or treat them as heroes. They show no loyalty to their home church and frankly they act more like prostitutes looking for the best "John" to take care of them. I would think that someone would read the book of Hosea before they left for the field. I am sorry if this seems harsh but we are losing our view of missions and God's role in it. God is the center of missions and its supply, we need to be faithful to our God and to those that send us no matter what!