

Jesus and the disciples

What about you?

Maybe living on gift income feels like a step down in the economic pecking order for you. Is it a shock to realise that this is the way the creator and owner of the world, our Lord Jesus, chose to live when he was here? When you feel bad about it, remember that there is a man in heaven who knows what it feels like and who approves of living this way. And thank him.

God's economy is so different from a worldly one. How do you feel about the idea that other people need to give to you much more than you need to receive their support?

Verse

Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the Kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

[LUKE 18:28-29]



Prayer – use this prayer or write your own:

Father, thank you for the humility of Jesus, being prepared to live by the gifts of his friends to allow him to complete the work you had called him to. Please empower me by your Spirit as I seek to follow his example and live by the gifts of my friends as I seek to fulfil the work you have called me to. Amen

For further reflection

How would you feel if someone who had been notorious (eg, made money from internet porn or drug dealing) turned to Christ in prison and became one of your major financial partners, and this became known?