

Destiny Church

Benevolence Information Sheet

MISSION: OFFERING A HAND ACROSS, RATHER THAN A HAND OUT

Process for all applicants:

1. Submit a completed application form with a copy of your current bill(s).
2. Once application is submitted someone will meet with you or talk with you by phone.
3. All assistance will come in the form of a check directly issued to a vendor or a food/gas card given.
4. All assistance will be recorded and filed for later reference.

The Biblical basis for serving those in need:

“There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.” Deuteronomy 15:11 (TM)

The Bible makes it clear that we must serve the needy...

Then the King will say, “I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was Me—you did it to Me.” Matthew 25:40 (TM)

“Generous hands are blessed hands because they give bread to the poor.” Proverbs 22:9 (TM)

...without enabling a person who is unwilling to work.

“If you don’t work, you don’t eat.” 2 Thessalonians 3:10b (TM)

“Hard work always pays off; mere talk puts no bread on the table.” Proverbs 14:23 (TM)

Destiny Church is committed to being good stewards of the financial resources entrusted to us; we will exercise conscientious and diligent stewardship of DESTINY CHURCH funds.

DESTINY CHURCH does not:

- Pay bills for non-essentials
- Pay taxes
- Pay fines or legal expenses
- Help people live beyond their means

The DESTINY CHURCH benevolence ministry fund should not be a “give-away” program. By helping people develop their own problem-solving capabilities, DESTINY CHURCH encourages a personal financial responsibility. Direct financial assistance is not always the best solution. Without any controls or follow-up, giving away money is like pouring gasoline on a fire.

Each person is responsible to God to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to him or her. It is expected that each individual exhaust all known resources before asking DESTINY CHURCH for help. In keeping with this biblical mandate, requests for help should be made to family members before seeking help from the church.

The immediate goal of the DESTINY CHURCH benevolence fund ministry is to relieve human suffering. A secondary goal is to build relationships with hurting people. The ultimate goal is to bring about genuine life change in individuals through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The intent of this ministry fund is to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ, not simply to provide services.

Benevolence is not an event; it is a vital part of ministering within the DESTINY CHURCH community. Financial counseling may be required before assistance is given. Financial counseling is required in order to give more than first time care. If financial counsel is ignored or rejected, assistance will be denied. Financial problems usually have a spiritual origin. Biblical principles will be used to direct both believers and nonbelievers.

DESTINY CHURCH reserves the right to deny benevolence funds to any family or individual based upon our determination of good stewardship of the funds available.