

## **John Doe's Go Fund Me**

### **Scenario:**

For this discussion, I will give you an unedited email and we can discuss what we see in it from a Scriptural standpoint.

### **The Email:**

From: John Doe legendaryhelp123@gmail.com

Date: Sun, Sep 18, 2022 at 1:19 AM

Subject: Looking for financial help

To: brian@wordsoftruth.net

“Hey there, I hope this email finds you well. I’m just going to cut straight to the point. I’m in a financial bind and could really use some help. I am a hard working husband and father of three little ones. My wife stays home to take care of the kids full time and I have a full time job. Over the past year hard times has struck and it’s a struggle to make ends meet. With the cost of living rising I had to use credit cards to get by and have also had to use my money used to pay my taxes as well and I’m starting to run dry. Recently I had a minor surgery that costed me several thousand dollars as well and had to enter a payment plan for that and that was only for the first part i have to have a second procedure done to finish it. Everything just seems to be piling up and If I can just get ahead I can stay ahead. If I didn’t have these credit card payments I could get by and not need them. I’m looking at a huge number ahead of me between taxes i owe, the surgery and this debt I’ve incurred I’m about \$45,000 in the hole.

I don’t want to paint a picture that my kids are starving or that we are about to be kicked out of our house, but I do need help. I am financially responsible, I have just gotten into a tough spot. I am trying to retain some anonymity because i am embarrassed that I have let us get in this position. This email I’m sending this from is not my regular email and I’m trying to hide my name as well. My family and I regularly attend a Church of Christ in our town, but I am trying to send this email to multiple churches throughout the country in hopes that I can reach many and get some help. I went through and wrote down every email individually, if i sent this to you twice I apologize and also i know some churches had multiple emails and i wrote them both down. I have attached a go fund me that I have made for myself. We are 100% real people in a real situation, I just don’t want to upload a picture of my family and use my kids to get the help we need. Like I said I would like to maintain some anonymity throughout this especially for my kids. I do take blame for this I could’ve seen the signs of struggle coming and could’ve better prepared, however this is the situation I’m in now and could really use some help. I know we aren’t the only people going through hard times and there are others far worse. I’m just trying to do what I can to help us stay afloat. All the money will be used to help pay this debt off. I know these crowdfunding things can really benefit people and it can gain more then what the goal is. If i were to get more then my goal i would use it to set up an emergency savings to i could stay away from living check to check. If it really went passed my goal i would use it for a down payment on a house, we currently

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rent and rent is really high. I'm not using the money to buy flashy things or cars or vacations, or anything like that and I'm also not the type to ask for something like this, i don't want to go bankrupt and i just want to be able support my family. Ive had this go fund me up for a couple months and have gotten nothing, this is me grasping for one last bit of help, this can either not work or change my life, I'm humbled by the receiver reading this far, Thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you for any help you may be able to offer. Attached below is the link to my go fund me. If this could be announced in your church or something and any donations be made it would be so much appreciated, thank you.

Go fund me link: <https://gofund.me/8f76a3d3>

Sent from my iPhone"

**For Discussion:** What do you see in that email?