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### **Local Church Budget**

“How can you maintain a church school? Your congregation is so small!” This question came from parents whose membership was at a nearby church that had no school of its own. “We are so thankful to send our children here. But we don’t see how you manage. Our church can’t afford a church school!”

The church school often struggled with finances. But by the end of each fiscal year, it had stayed within budget. The pastor and church determined that educating the youth of the church was the top church priority. “It’s our investment in the church’s future,” the pastor explained.

The children from their church school would grow to be the church of the future. Not only that, but there would be eternal, heavenly rewards for this church who had invested in the Christian education of their young people.

So, despite the challenges, this church channeled 66 percent of their church budget to keep the church school in the black. They rejoiced to continue to sacrifice to keep their school. Their church school still operates today.

The results are clear. Many of the youth from the school are still active members of the worldwide church. These youth give thanks for the spiritual care that teachers and faculty provided and to those members who contributed to the church budget year after year.

The Bible is clear. “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6