

Num 18:21

Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting.

Did you know that the Levi's were paid by God for their service in the temple? That's just what we read in today's devotional verse. But they weren't happy with what God paid them. We also know this through scripture.

† **Matt 21:12-13** *Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"*

Jesus was mad because the priests were robbing God's people and Jesus cleaned house because of this. Basically what the priests were saying to God is that His pay wasn't good enough, and they tried to make some extra money at the people of God's expense.

Before we get to down on the priest, we have to examine our own lives. We pray to God for our provisions, and when we think that He isn't taking good enough care of us, we find second and third jobs. Now it's not wrong to work more than one job, but you need to examine your life and look to see if it compromises your walk with the Lord. Does it cause you to miss church or even church functions that you know you should be involved in?

Does it take away from your time in the word and/or prayer?

Does it take time away from your family so much so that they only see you as you leave in the morning and drag yourself in at night?

So pray for God's provisions, then trust that He will supply.

God would rather have you spend time with Him, your family and serving others rather than have a nice new car or home that forces you to work two or three jobs.

Also, reexamine your expense, and ask yourself, how many are needs and how many are wants or even greed's?

† **Phil 4:19** *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*