



## Ten Creative Ways to Give

Many people hear a phrase like “Not Equal Giving, but Equal Sacrifice” and say, “If they only knew how little money I have” or “I’m giving all I can; I can’t give anymore” or “I’m single, going to school, I’m in debt up to my ears, I can’t give much” or “I’m a single parent and I can barely feed my kids, there’s no way I can give to the campaign.” Believe me, we understand the concerns and empathize with you. That is why we have developed a list of creative ways to give you may have overlooked. Each one requires sacrifice, but as King David said, “I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which costs me nothing” (2 Samuel 24:24, nasb). You may want to combine one or more of these to represent your commitment, or come up with some of your own!

- No. 1** Be a coupon clipper! Food is probably the largest discretionary expense we have. Taking the time to do this could save \$10 to \$20 per week. Ten dollars a week for three years is \$1,560.
- No. 2** Skip a meal a week. Skipping one meal a week at an average of \$10 per meal to devote to prayer and fasting is \$1,560 over a three-year period.
- No. 3** Give up a habit. Easier said than done, but not impossible. For example, a mocha almond latte plus tax daily for three years costs nearly \$2,400!
- No. 4** Commit your annual income tax refund check to the Lord for the three-year period.
- No. 5** Commit an estimated raise in salary to the Lord for the next three years.
- No. 6** Put off a discretionary major purchase and redirect the money to the campaign.
- No. 7** Adjust your vacations. For one or more of the years, do something close-to-home and inexpensive like day hikes, picnics, or take a three-day vacation instead of a week-long and save on the airfare and hotel costs. This can easily provide \$1,000 to \$2,000 for the campaign.
- No. 8** Make a commitment to drink only water at restaurants. One person could save \$5 a week or more. That’s a minimum of \$780 just for drinking water!
- No. 9** Continue a bill payment. If you will be paying off a car or school loan in the next year, commit to continue to “pay the bill” by redirecting the money to the stewardship campaign after the bill is paid off. A \$100 monthly payment over three years is \$3,600.
- No. 10** A dollar increase per-week. This is a great idea for those who have never given or do not see a way to increase current giving. Start by giving one dollar the first week, then two, then three, and so on, praying all along that the Lord will show you a way to add that next dollar and increase each week. If you keep this up for three years, you will give \$12,000!

These are just a few ideas that can turn a \$1,500 commitment to \$3,000, or a \$3,000 commitment to \$5,000, or an \$8,000 commitment to \$10,000, and so forth. A little creative thinking and adjustments in our lifestyles can go a long way toward providing for God’s work.

(Source unknown)



The following are items that God may bring to your mind. Some things might be sold, transferred, or liquidated. Others may be hobbies or pursuits that might be set-aside for a season and the savings donated. Still others might be ordinary skills you possess that God can use in extraordinary ways. Let God direct you as we move forward with **Momentum**.

## Giving Ideas

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| Annuity                | Garage Treasures       | Piano                                       |
| Antiques               | Garden produce         | Power tools                                 |
| Appliance              | Gems                   | Property                                    |
| Artwork                | Generic brand savings  | Quadrupled investments                      |
| Attic treasures        | Gold                   | Quarterly income                            |
| Automobile             | Golf games/clubs       | Quick assets                                |
| Bad investments        | Grant money            | Real estate                                 |
| Bank accounts          | Guitar                 | Recreational equipment                      |
| Basement treasures     | Guns                   | Retirement funds                            |
| Bicycle                | Health club membership | Rings                                       |
| Birthday money         | Horse                  | Royalties                                   |
| Boat                   | House sale             | RV  |
| Bonds                  | Hunting equipment      | Sailboats                                   |
| Bonus check            | Inheritance income     | Savings                                     |
| Books                  | Insurance proceeds     | Sculpture                                   |
| Cable TV               | Inventory              | Second income                               |
| Camera                 | Investments            | Silver                                      |
| Canvass Paintings      | Jacket                 | Ski boats                                   |
| CDs                    | Jewelry                | Snowmobile                                  |
| Clothes                | Keyboards              | Sports equipment                            |
| Coins                  | Kitchen appliances     | Stashed cash                                |
| Collections            | Kitchenware            | Stereo                                      |
| Computer equipment     | Land                   | Stock                                       |
| Condo                  | Lawsuit proceeds       | Stuff                                       |
| Cottage                | Livestock              | Swing set                                   |
| Cows/cattle            | Loose change           | Tax refund                                  |
| Crafts                 | Luxuries               | Tax-deductible donation                     |
| Crops                  | Marketable skills      | Tickets to sporting events                  |
| Diamonds               | Mechanical items       | Toys  |
| Dishes                 | Metals                 | Trailer                                     |
| Drums                  | Money                  | Truck                                       |
| Earthy treasures       | Moonlighting income    | Trust fund                                  |
| Easy income            | Motorcycle             | TV or VCR                                   |
| Electronic equipment   | Musical instruments    | Used vehicle/equipment                      |
| Equipment              | Necklaces              | Vacation home                               |
| Estate sale proceeds   | Notes (treasury)       | Vacation plans                              |
| Excess income          | Odds and ends          | Volunteer labor                             |
| Farm                   | Office equipment       | Wardrobe                                    |
| Fasting proceeds       | Oil well               | Watch                                       |
| Fine china             | Organ                  | Woodshop equipment                          |
| Fishing equipment      | Oriental rug           | Yacht                                       |
| Food savings           | Original painting      | Yard Equipment                              |
| Frequent Flier tickets | Ounce of gold          | Zero-based bonds                            |
| Furniture              | Outboard motor         | Zoom lens                                   |
| Furs                   | Outlet mall savings    | (Source: Christian Stewardship Association) |
|                        | Overtime pay           |   |

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You may wish to consult with your legal or financial advisor to determine what giving options will be most beneficial to you.