

12 Creative Ways to Give to the Campaign Without Taking a Second Job

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Many people hear a phrase like “*Not Equal Gifts, but Equal Sacrifices*” 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, and 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 come up with a list of creative ways to give that you may have overlooked. Each one requires sacrifice on your part, but like King David said, “I will not offer up to the Lord anything that costs me nothing!” You may want to combine one or more of these to represent your commitment, or come up with some of your own!

#1 -- **Be a Coupon Clipper.** Food is probably the largest expense each month, just by using a little extra time adjusting what you spend on Groceries you can save \$30-\$40 per week. Thirty dollars a week for three years is \$4,680.

#2 -- **Skip a meal each week as a family.** Missing one meal a week at an average of \$20 per family to devote to prayer or fasting is \$3,120 over a three-year period.

#3 -- **Give up a habit.** Easier said than done, but not impossible. For example - a gourmet coffee each day for three years, costs nearly \$3,000.

#4 -- **Commit your income tax refund check to the Lord for a three- year period**

#5 -- **Commit an estimated raise in salary to the Lord for the next three years.**

#6 -- **Adjust your vacations.** Do something close and inexpensive like day-hikes, picnics, or take a three-day vacation instead of a full week and save on the airfare and hotel costs. This can save \$1,000 to \$2,000 easily.

#7 -- **Make a commitment to drink only water at a restaurant.** One person could save \$5 a week or more. That is a minimum of \$780 just for drinking water!

#8 -- **Wait for a movie to come out on video instead of seeing it at the theater.** One trip to the movie theater can cost over \$20 with popcorn and candy for two people! If you cut out two movies per month that’s almost \$1,500 over three years.

#9 -- **Put off a discretionary major purchase and redirect the money to the campaign.**

#10 -- **Cut down to basic cable instead of regular cable.** Basic cable gets channels 1-13 and is about \$12 per month compared to \$50+ per month for regular cable. Cutting out Showtime, HBO, or other premium channels can save another \$12-25 per month as well.

#11 -- **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 payment per month over three years is \$3,600

#12 -- **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, etc., praying all along that the Lord would show you a way to add that next dollar and increase each week. If you were to keep this up for three years, you would give \$12,000.