



12 CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE TO REBUILD FOR THE FUTURE WITHOUT TAKING A SECOND JOB!

Have you ever heard a phrase like “Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifices” and said to yourself (*check all that apply*)...

- If they only knew how little money I have!”
- I’m giving all I can, and I can’t give anymore!”
- I’m single, going to school, and I’m in debt up to my ears. I can’t give that much!”
- I’m a single parent, and I can barely feed my kids. There’s no way I can give to the campaign!”

Boy, have we got some great news for you – you *can* sacrifice! Believe me, we truly do understand your concerns, and we empathize with you! But to help you, we have come up with a list of creative ways to increase your available resources that you just might have overlooked.

Each one requires a 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 increase resources toward your own commitment, or perhaps these might even stimulate you to come up with some creative ideas of your own!

1. Use a cash back app to save on every day purchases and digital coupons.
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. This is easier said than done, but it is not impossible! For example, a gourmet coffee plus tax each day for three years costs nearly \$3,000!
4. Commit your income tax refund check to the Lord.
5. Commit an estimated raise in salary to the Lord.
6. Adjust your vacations. Do something close and inexpensive like day hikes, picnics, or take a three-day vacation instead of a week to save on 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's a minimum of \$780 for just 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 \$35 with popcorn and candy for two people! If you cut out two movies per month, that's \$420 in a year!
9. Put off a personal major purchase and redirect the money to the campaign.
10. Cut down streaming services. Cutting out Netflix, Hulu, or other premium streaming services 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 mission after the bill is paid off. A \$100 payment per month could yield \$1,200 towards your pledge! [CREATE A STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT AT YOUR BANK TO LOWER THE CHANCES OF SPENDING WHAT YOU SAVE]
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! [CREATE A STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT AT YOUR BANK TO LOWER THE CHANCES OF SPENDING WHAT YOU SAVE]

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