

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 why 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 cost me nothing!” You may want to combine one or more of these to represent your commitment, or come up with some ideas of your own!

1 Be a coupon clipper! Food is probably the largest expense each month, taking up time and \$30-\$40 per week. Thirty dollars a week for two years is \$3,120.

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 and fasting is \$2,080 over a two year period.

3 Give up a habit. Easier said than done, but not impossible. For example- a gourmet coffee, plus tax each day for three years, cost nearly \$1,000.

4 Commit you income tax refund check to the Lord for the two-year period.

5 Put off a discretionary major purchase and redirect the money to the campaign.

6 Adjust your vacations. For one or more of the years, do something close and inexpensive like day hikes, picnics, or take a three-day vacation instead of a week and save on the airfare and hotel cost. 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 \$520 just for drinking water!

8 Consider how to use your hobby to make extra cash or take on a part time job to give.

9 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 \$30 with popcorn and candy for two people! If you cut out two movies per month, that’s almost \$1,440 over two years.

10 Commit an estimated raise in salary to the Lord for the next two years.

11 Cut down to basic cable instead of regular cable. Basic cable gets local channels 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-\$40 per month as well.

12 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 two years is \$2,400.

13 A dollar increase per week. This is a great idea for those who have never given or do not see a what 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 two years, you would give \$5,460.

14 Sell items on Craigslist.com or have a garage sale and give what you make to the generation 2.0 campaign. Dave Ramsey says the average person has \$1,000 just lying around.

“One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.”

Psalm 145:4 NIV

“And who knows but that you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this and for this very occasion?”

Esther 4:14b Amp