



In 2 Samuel 24 King David declared, "I will not offer to God that which costs me nothing."

David practiced Lifestyle Stewardship: a level of giving...that affects one's living. He knew the gift that would touch God's heart would first touch the heart of the giver. The challenge: find ways to boldly and prayerfully let your giving touch your daily living.

13 Creative Ways to Give

1. Sell furniture or baby items you no longer use in a garage sale, or have a friend help you sell them online. A gently-used sofa, loveseat and chair combo can even bring in as much as \$500, or more.

2. Be a coupon clipper! Set aside your savings (or your preferred customer discounts at grocery stores) as part of your gift.

3. Skip a meal each week. One meal averages \$5 per person. Devote the mealtime to prayer and fasting together. Savings over a three-year period could be at least \$780.

4. Give up a habit. You really can do it. That daily gourmet coffee is yummy and costs nearly \$3,000 over three years.

5. Commit your income tax refund to the Lord for the three-year giving period.

6. Commit your salary raise to the Lord for the next three years.

7. Adjust your vacations. Try staying closer to home and doing something inexpensive (picnics, tourist in your own town, day hikes, camping, vacation in your own home, four days instead of a week). The savings in gas or airfare alone could easily be \$2,000 to \$4,000.

8. Make a commitment to drink only water when dining out. At \$5 a week, a person could easily save \$260 a year, \$1,040 for a family of 4.

9. Wait for a movie to come out on video instead of seeing it at the theater. One trip to the movies can cost \$30 for two with popcorn and candy. Cutting out two movies a month, is over \$2,000 in three years.

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

11. Change to basic cable from regular cable. Basic cable is about \$25 per month compared to \$50+ per month for regular cable. Cutting out other premium channels can save another \$12-25 per month.

12. Continue a bill payment. If you will pay off a school or car loan in the next few months, commit to keep paying "the bill" by directing the money to the church campaign after your debt is paid off. A \$150 payment per month is \$5,400 over three years.

13. Commit to a dollar increase per week. If you have never given or do not see a way to increase your current giving, this may be the plan for you. Start by giving one dollar extra the first week, then two, etc. Keep praying along the way that God will show you a way to go up one dollar the next week. Over three years, you could give as much as \$12,000 – one dollar at a time.