

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 any more” 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. 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.

Share your creative ways to give with us via email at:
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A Lifestyle Stewardship Campaign

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Matthew 9:29



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of “By Faith We Can?”

The purpose for the “By Faith We Can” Capital & Lifestyle Stewardship Campaign is to organize and focus the efforts of our church organization, to teach biblical stewardship principles, to mature the faith of our congregations and to give members the opportunity to commit gifts and faith pledges toward the plans and vision that God has for us as a church family.

What are the goals of the campaign?

Our campaign goals are to raise 1.2 million in pledges and gifts, so that we can: 1) begin to retire the debt on the new worship center, 2) start renovations on the current facilities, 3) sow seed/prepare to begin an all male leadership academy.

What is the value of the “By Faith We Can” Stewardship Campaign?

The values of the Capital & Lifestyle Stewardship Campaign are numerous. First it will provide needed funds to retire debt and build new facilities that will benefit our congregation. Second it will unite our congregation behind a common cause and help us to focus on the future needs of the church. Third it will help our congregational members to begin giving systematically and biblically. Forth it will stretch and mature the faith of the church family.

When is my faith commitment/pledge card due?

Pledge cards can be turned during/after each worship celebration.

How long is my faith commitment/pledge?

Faith commitments/pledges are for 36 months.

When should I make my first payment toward my faith commitment/pledge?

Your first payment can be made as soon as you have turned in your completed pledge card.

How will I be kept informed of my balance and payments made?

Our plan is to send quarterly statements to everyone that has completed a faith commitment/pledge card.

How long does the “By Faith We Can” Stewardship Campaign last?

The campaign will last 36 months (3 years) with each member and new member giving toward and fulfilling their pledge over that period of time.

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How Do I Determine My Faith Commitment?

Step 1: Pray

This is the most important step in preparing your heart to respond to God’s call to action. Ask Him what He would have you to give to the By Faith We Can lifestyle stewardship campaign. Remember, these are gifts over and above your regular giving.

Step 2: Leave Room for Faith

Trust God to provide what He impresses upon you to give, even if the amount is greater than the resources you can readily identify. Expect the unbelievable!

Step 3: Give Sacrificially

There is no limit to what God will do in and through us if we commit ourselves to sacrificial giving. King David said, “I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which costs me nothing” (2 Samuel 24:24, NASB)

Your prayer may be something like this:

“Lord God, I desire with all my heart to willingly give to BY FAITH WE CAN. Please direct me to give what you will provide not what I can see in my hand right now. Father, I am walking by faith and pledging that if you provide me with \$ _____, that is what I will give over the next 36 months. I vow this vow, in Jesus’ Name.”

**Share your By Faith We Can testimonies with us at :
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The Key to Managing God’s Resources is Understanding Biblical Giving?

Resources:

- ⇒ “Prosperity With a Purpose” By Wendell Smith
- ⇒ “The Treasure Principle” By Randy Alcorn
- ⇒ “The Total Money Makeover” By Dave Ramsey
- ⇒ “Taming The Money Monster” By Ron Blue
- ⇒ “Taking Care of Business” By Lee Jenkins
- ⇒ “On Money” By Lee Jenkins

