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strategies for giving

Deciding what, how, and how much to give, is a choice to be made between you, God, and your family. The following list might generate some creative ideas for giving.

Giving Potential
This chart shows the greater impact your gift can have when it is spread over time.

Weekly	*Monthly*	*Annually*	*3-year total*
$2,000	$8,667	$104,000	$312,000
1,000	4,333	52,000	156,000
500	2,167	26,000	78,000
300	1,300	15,600	46,800
200	867	10,400	31,200
150	650	7,800	23,400
100	433	5,200	15,600
75	325	3,900	11,700
60	260	3,120	9,360
50	217	2,600	7,800
40	173	2,080	6,240
30	130	1,560	4,680
20	87	1,040	3,120
10	43	520	1,560

Give up some luxuries
Some easy lifestyle adjustments can help free up money so you can increase giving to God's work. Maybe you can do without the cell phone, cable TV, frequent vacations, or magazine subscriptions. Perhaps you can scale back on eating out or entertainment. Maybe you can postpone some big purchases for a few years.

Cash flow giving
You can give significantly by giving smaller amounts at higher frequencies. Weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly giving allows large gifts to be reached in smaller steps.

Charitable giving resources
If you are already setting aside money to give to various charities, ask God to help you determine if some of that support should go to further His work. For example, if you usually donate to a university, you may want to consider diverting those funds to our church for nine months, and then resuming school contributions.

Unique skill income/Special sales
You may have marketable hobbies or skills that can enable you to give additionally. Maybe you can hold garage sales or an auction and give the proceeds to the church.

Sales of assets
Sales of major assets, such as a house, car, land, business, etc. can provide revenue for giving.

Income raises/Bonuses/Tax savings/ Freedom from debt
The dedication of forthcoming raises or bonuses can prove to be a creative method for increased giving. Tax returns are a great source of bonus income. Maybe you'll have your car paid off soon and can put the money that you had normally set aside for that toward the campaign.

Gifts in kind/Appreciable Assets
Gifts other than cash can have significant giving potential. Stocks, bonds, real estate, automobiles, etc. provide ample giving opportunities, coupled with significant tax savings.