

DETERMINING YOUR GIFT

Spiritually

The success of Emmanuel's Relentless Pursuit Phase 2 project will depend on God using our gifts that are over and above our current level of giving.

The process of deciding what amount to commit is exciting because we realize our gifts will be used to change

THE PROCESS CAN ALSO BE CHALLENGING

The reason it is so challenging is that we already realize, by just glancing at this information, that this is going to require a sacrifice of us. ***A bold, courageous, adventurous sacrifice.***

This guide will walk you through how you can begin to prayerfully and creatively think through what investment God is calling you to make for His Kingdom.

WE OFTEN FORGET THAT GOD IS WAITING TO

Why do we approach our Relentless Pursuit with such passion and such intensity?

Because it's the only thing that matters.

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Spiritually (Cont.)

ASK THESE QUESTIONS:

1. **Does the amount require me to trust God?**
"...whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
2. **Does it show I value the hope of eternal life more than material things?** *"...storing up treasures for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they make take hold of that which is truly life." 1 Timothy 6:19*
3. **Does this amount represent a genuine sacrifice?**
*"I will not sacrifice to God that which costs me nothing."
2 Samuel 24:24*
4. **Does this amount adequately express my gratitude for how much Christ and his church have blessed my life and my family?**
"...with a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give

PEACE

By considering what God would have you give to Relentless Pursuit Phase 2 through prayer, and by giving proportionately to the resources God has given you...God has promised that He will give you PEACE.

"Agree with God, and be at peace."

*Bold, brave, and
adventurous.*

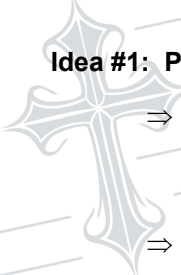
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Giving is challenging and may even seem impossible at first; however, with prayer, creativity, and sacrifice--**giving to Relentless Pursuit Phase 2 is possible for everyone!**

Here's how you can *practically* determine your gift:

Idea #1: Practice priority budgeting

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- ⇒ Many families may choose to rearrange their priorities and give up something in their current budget in order to give to RP2.
 - ⇒ Postponing a planned expense like a new car, home remodeling, or other major purchase
 - ⇒ Eat out less often or drink water when eating out to save money

Idea #2: Redirect present expenditures. As you pay off short-time expenditures or loans such as for cars or school loans, those funds could be redirected to RP2.

Idea #3: Increase giving with increased income. Sometimes, we know of bonuses or raises that we will receive over the next 18 months. You may even donate your tax returns for the next two years. Families can decide to delay increasing their lifestyle and committing this increased income to RP2.

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MORE PRACTICAL WAYS TO DONATE TO RP2

EAT OUT LESS. We all are busy, and a lot of times it's quicker to grab a bite on the go. But, consider this savings:

- ⇒ A family of five eats out at least one time a week, often spending \$50 for one meal. They decided to only

Savings from not eating out = \$100/month
Savings from drinking water = \$15/meal x 2 = \$30/month
TOTAL 18-MONTH MONEY GIVEN = \$2,340
(\$130/month x 18 months)

eat out
twice
a
month.

HOLD OFF ON THE CAR PURCHASE. A man finally saved enough for a down payment on that car he's wanted. If he delays the purchase of the car for the 18-month giving season:

- ⇒ He could put his \$350 per month payment on RP2.
- ⇒ His total money given would be **\$6,300** (\$350x18)!

REALIZE IT ALL ADDS UP. Think you have no extra cash in your budget? Pay attention to the little things:

- ⇒ \$5 per week on soft drinks
- ⇒ \$5 per week on iTunes songs
- ⇒ Total money given = \$720 (\$40/month x 18 months)

WHAT WILL IT TAKE

| COMMITMENTS | AMOUNT |
|-------------|----------|
| 1 | \$75,000 |
| 2 | \$50,000 |
| 4 | \$30,000 |
| 4 | \$25,000 |
| 5 | \$20,000 |
| 5 | \$18,000 |
| 8 | \$15,000 |
| 10 | \$12,000 |
| 15 | \$10,000 |
| 17 | \$7,500 |
| 20 | \$5,000 |
| 25 | \$3,000 |
| 25 | \$2,500 |
| 30 | \$1,500 |
| 30 | \$1,200 |
| 60 | \$1,000 |
| 60 | \$750 |
| 90 | \$500 |
| 100 | \$250 |

Relentless Pursuit Commitments

*We are excited that the land directly north of our property has become available. We would like to include in RP2 the purchase of a section of that land to give us access to SR 135. This land will bring the cost of the project to \$1.9 million.

As you are aware, God has continued to bless us with excess above our weekly offering "need." It is with this excess that we have \$400,000

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| \$1.9 million | Cost of RP2 |
| - <u>400,000</u> | On hand |
| \$1.5 million | Amount needed |

I WILL NOT SACRIFICE TO GOD THAT WHICH COSTS ME NOTHING.

2 SAMUEL 24:24