

The Thrive offering we give should will be both your firstfruits gift and a commitment to give over the next 3-years. The more we are able to give upfront, the sooner we will be able to meet our financial obligations and start the full expansion process.

At first thought, most don't have much cash laying around to give. But with a little creativity, and by taking advantage of the weeks we have before March 5th, we can come up with some ideas. And together, all of our gifts will add up.

## WAYS TO INCREASE YOUR CASH GIFT

As you begin to think about your gift and commitment, here are a few ways to increase your firstfruits:

### **Skip eating out.**

Skip eating out once or twice a week and give it to the Thrive Campaign.

### **Leverage your tax refund.**

If you get a refund allot a portion or all to go to the Thrive Campaign.

### **Postpone a major purchase.**

Wait a few more weeks / months to buy a big item and commit that money to the Thrive Campaign.

### **Use a recent payment of loan.**

If you've recently paid off a loan, continue to make that payment toward the Thrive Campaign.

### **Hold a garage sale.**

Sell some items and give the proceeds to the Thrive Campaign.

### **Cancel extras.**

Cancel a membership, cable, etc. and give that money to the Thrive Campaign.

### **Raise or bonus.**

If you receive a raise, overtime or bonus, give that to the Thrive Campaign.

### **Sell stocks, funds or bonds.**

If you have stocks, funds or bonds leverage a sale to give to the Thrive Campaign.

### **Spare Change**

Have everyone save their spare change and begin collecting, cash it in and give it to the Thrive Campaign.

### **Sell unused property.**

### **Sell items online.**

Use Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, E-Bay, etc. and give the proceeds to the Thrive Campaign.

### **Take a part-time job.**

### **Make crafts and sell them.**

Use your talents to make items and sell them for the Thrive Campaign.

### **Involve your children.**

Ask them how they could be involved in giving - lemonade stands, babysitting, etc.

### **Reallocate gifts.**

Instead of receiving gifts ask people to donate to the Thrive Campaign.

## GOD'S PROMISE TO YOU!

There are more promises in the Bible about giving than about any other subject.

*"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."*  
Proverbs 11:25 NIV

*"Remember this: The person who plants a little will have a small harvest, but the person who plants a lot will have a big harvest."*  
2 Corinthians 9:6 NCV

*"For if you give, it will be given back to you...Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure...Whatever measure you use to give--large or small--will be used to measure what is given back to you."*  
Luke 6:38 LB

*"Good will come to him who is generous..."*  
Psalm 112:5 NIV

*"Bring to the house of worship a full tenth of what you earn...Test me in this, 'says the Lord. 'I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour out all the blessings you need.'"*  
Malachi 3:10 NCV

*"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns to overflow..."*  
Proverbs 3:9 LB

*"Use your money to do good...always being ready to share with others whatever God has given you. By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven--it is the only safe investment for eternity! And you will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well."*  
1 Timothy 6:18-19 LB

