



Income & Sacrifice

- **Income Stream Giving:** Giving as you receive income - whether weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, or in other time frames. Giving smaller amounts at higher frequencies allows large gifts to be reached in small steps. You could also dedicate future raises, bonuses or tax refunds.
- **Sacrifice:** Changing your lifestyle to create available resources for giving - which could also lead to a profound spiritual re-orientation and renewal. For example, limiting entertainment, dining out, daily coffee house purchases, cable TV, dues, subscriptions, gifts, or vacations can be easy first steps toward sacrificial giving.
- **Delay Expenditures:** Potential purchases might be postponed so that those funds could be redirected. This includes the purchase of cars, furniture, remodeling, electronic equipment, clothing or trips.
- **Freedom from Debt:** Resources that become available once debts are paid can become a source for giving.
- **Corporate Gifts:** Recommending Ridge Point Church as a recipient of company non-profit donations – through contributions from the organization or company match programs.

Giving Assets

- **Income Producing Assets:** Interest earned, income from rental properties, or monies from other income producing assets can be dedicated and donated.
- **Giving Appreciated Assets:** Transferring appreciated stock can enhance a gift and may provide tax benefits.
- **Sale of Assets:** Money that results from the sale of personal assets or from personally owned business assets could be donated. This includes the sale of a second house, land, vacation property, jewelry, artwork, or collectibles. Cars, boats, RV's and motorcycles can be donated directly to Ridge Point, who will then liquidate the gift.
- **Savings & Investments:** You may be able to give some portion of accumulated assets that will not significantly affect your future security. The “returns” from investing in ministry may be more significant to you than the simple accumulation of additional market returns.

Time and Talent

- **Additional Income:** Use your skills and talents, take on additional work or delay retirement to produce additional income to use as a gift.
- **Unique Skills Income:** If you have marketable hobbies or skills, consider dedicating all or part of your profits.

Ways to Give

- **Cash:** If you are giving cash and would like an end of year statement for tax deductibility, please use a Ridge Point Offering Envelope. Envelopes are available at the Welcome Centers.
- **Check:** When writing a check, it is not necessary to use an Offering Envelope. We record your gift using the name and address on your check. Any check received with the memo line left blank will be given to the Ministry Fund. If you would like your gift to go to the Building Fund, please make a note on the memo line.
- **Automatic Contribution:** You can enjoy knowing you are giving faithfully without having to remember your checkbook each weekend. Ridge Point can debit your checking or savings account weekly or monthly for the amount you designate to either the Ministry or Building Fund. Enrollment Forms are available at the Welcome Centers or at <http://www.ridgepoint.org/get-connected/giving/electronic-checking-withdrawal>.
- **Bill Pay:** Many Ridge Pointers set up Ridge Point Church in their bill payment accounts through their banking institution. This allows you to be in complete control of how often money is mailed to Ridge Point, on what day and in what amount. You can set this up online through your banking institution.

Questions about the items mentioned above can be directed to finance@ridgepoint.org or 616.395.4126 x402.
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