

Entertainment? Church pledge?

Take a minute and join me in an interesting exercise. I promise you will find it enlightening. Begin by listing all the fun and recreational activities you have enjoyed during the preceding month. These could include movies, theater, sports events, concerts, cable or music networks, ice cream, eating out—just keep thinking of everything you have done that was for recreational or dining pleasure (out of ordinary necessary eating) this past month.

Now, place beside each item the amount of money you spent on each of these activities. If some were related to annual fees, then pro-rate them on a monthly basis.

Add these up. Aren't you amazed at how much we spend on events and activities to make us happy, fit and content?

Now, beside that figure, put down your monthly gift to Grace Covenant. Does that difference astound you? It did me.

Is what you give to make God happy and content a realistic return on God's investment in you? The final step in this little assignment is to consider an increase in your pledge to Grace Covenant for the year by giving the amount you spend on yourself for one month. If you already do this, or can do even more, that is wonderful. If not, you can help our church family to achieve its goals of doing Christ's work by giving more. We are only returning what we have been given. "How can we keep from Sharing?"