

Global Ministries is pleased to share with you a **Stewardship Campaign** skit presented at Webster Groves Christian Church in Saint Louis, Missouri. This skit was written by church member, David Ingram.

A TIP FOR THE LORD

SETTING: *There is a card table a little to the left of center stage that's covered with papers, notebooks, and a calculator. John is sitting at the table, pounding numbers into the calculator, making notes in the notebook, and then scratching them out. He looks perplexed. David enters from Upstage Right. He sees John and watches him working for a moment, then comes up to the table.*

David: Having some trouble, John? Can I help?

John: *(looks up)* I doubt you could, Dave. *(gestures to the papers)* I'm figuring my pledge for the church, and it's not working out.

David: How so?

John: *(lifts some of the papers from the table and then tosses them down while he's talking)* There are just too many bills each month, we can hardly cover them. I'm afraid we'll have to cut back on what we're giving.

David: *(paces away)* I know times are tough – I'm with you on that – but if anything the church needs more support now. Our pledges will help those who have been hit even harder than we have, including some within our church itself.

John: I know, but with our situation, I just can't see how to justify the expense.

David: *(rubs his chin)* Hmmm. You go out to eat occasionally, to an actual, sit-down restaurant, don't you?

John: *(nods)* Yeah, though not as much as we use to.

David: *(paces away)* You leave a tip for the server, don't you? Fifteen percent, right?

John: I usually do a bit better than that, but fifteen's the base these days.

David: *(turns back and gives an open arm gesture)* Why don't you just stop tipping? Save some money there.

John: No way! I've worked service jobs like that myself. *(leans toward David)* Most of what the waiters and waitresses earn comes from those tips. Besides, they've provided me with a service, and I want to show my appreciation.

David: *(points at John)* There you have it, John. *(comes to him)* Our pledges, not just of money but of time and talents as well, those are our tips to the Lord, to show our appreciation for all God has given us.

John: All God has given us?

David: *(paces away)* This world we're standing in, the air in our lungs, our physical bodies; *(turns back)* everything comes from God. *(a wry smile)* And we're not even asked for a fifteen percent gratuity.

John: *(shudders)* Fifteen percent of everything? That would be quite a bill!

David: *(comes to John)* It's more than that, though. Our gifts to the Lord are evidence of our involvement with God. They show that we are united with the Lord in pursuit of God's kingdom.

John: You're right. I hadn't thought of it that way.

David: I always remember "tips" as an acronym – To Insure Prompt Service. In the spiritual sense, it's an acronym as well. It means our Totally Involved Personal Service.

John: *(thinks)* TIPS! I get it.

David: *(pats John on the shoulder)* That's right. Totally Involved Personal Service, to our *(gestures skyward)* Totally Involved Personal Savior.

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