

The Top Ten Things Americans Waste Money On

Have you ever wondered where in the world your money goes? Have you ever created a budget to find out? If you do you will find you waste a lot of money! A recent study was done to determine the things Americans waste money on. Here is the list...

10. Apparel products and services - \$249 or 0.5% of annual expenses
9. Tobacco - \$380 or 0.8% of annual expenses
8. Entertainment equipment & services - \$400 or 0.8% of annual expenses
7. Alcohol - \$435 or 0.9% of annual expenses
6. Fees and Admissions - \$628 or 1.3% of annual expenses
5. Lodging, vacation homes and hotels - \$672 or 1.4% of annual expenses
4. Pets, toys, hobbies, etc. - \$690 or 1.4% of annual expenses
3. TV, radio and sound equipment - \$975 or 2% of annual expenses
2. Gifts - \$1,067 or 2.2% of annual expenses
1. Food away from home - \$2,619 or 5.3% of annual expenses

Let me give you a comparison. From 1968 to 2011 Americans decreased their giving to the church from 3.11% as a portion of their income to 2.32%. Today the median gift to a church is \$200.

Nearly everything listed in the top ten we just looked at gives the consumer little or nothing to show for the money spent. A gift to YOUR CHURCH accomplishes a great deal. Through giving to YOUR CHURCH you make an impact that literally spans the globe AND lasts for eternity. Think about that as our ushers come forward. Then ask yourselves what are you wasting money on that could be put to use for God's Kingdom!