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Himself in the world's brokenness. Though rich, he became poor to love the poor and forgotten. So, here's our thought: By spending less on ourselves, we're able to give more to those in need, thereby continuing to change the world.

Now, before you think we're getting all Scrooge on you, let us explain what we mean. We like gifts. Our kids really like gifts. But consider this: This year, America will spend \$130 billion on Christmas. Would buying a few less presents really change our loved ones' lives? Probably not. But what if one less gift meant...

Food for the Hungry

1 child dies every 5 seconds from hunger-related causes. Worldwide, 161 million preschool children suffer from chronic malnutrition. In Isaiah 58:10, God calls us to "*spend ourselves* in behalf of the hungry..." Through the *Food 4others MobilePack*, \$88 can feed a child for one year. Christmas can [still] change the world.

Featured Gift Ideas:



\$44 = Feed 1 child for 6 months
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\$240 = 1,000 meals
\$350 = Feed a family of 4 for a year



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