

## **What's a reasonable amount to spend on an average gift?**

- **What is your heart attitude about this question? Is it faithful or foolish?**
  - **Are you allowing the resources that god has provided to bless others?**
  - **Or do you feel that the recipient has “earned” a certain level of expense?**
- **If you're being good about staying within your budget, this one is answered by dividing the amount you have budgeted (the result from discussion number 1) by the number of people you're buying for (the result from discussion number 2).**
- **Whatever you buy, make sure that you consult with each other first. If you both agree on a purchase that pushes – or goes over - the average, do it only if you figure out how you can adjust the rest of the gift-buying budget to afford it. If you can't, then pass it up.**

**This is a time to trust that god will show you an alternative to the expensive gift.**

**Surrendering to the impulse to buy it and blow the budget – or run up the credit card a little more - presumes on god's provision.**

- **Hunt for bargains, look for sales, let your fingers do the walking.**
- **Save your receipts for the inevitable exchanges.**