

# Pocket Full of Change Ministries



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## Handout - So You Want To Travel Across America

### Travel Tips

- [www.pocketfulofchange.org](http://www.pocketfulofchange.org) - search on travel tip
- [www.alltraveltips.com](http://www.alltraveltips.com)

### Finding and Booking Hotels

- [www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com)
- [www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com)

### Finding and Booking Retreat Centers

- Find the Divine - [www.findthedivine.com](http://www.findthedivine.com)
- Expand Retreats ó [www.expandretreats.com](http://www.expandretreats.com)

### Campgrounds

- Woodalls Directory - [www.woodalls.com](http://www.woodalls.com) (Buy at Camping World)
- KOA Directory ó Gives free directory

### National Parks

- Park Guide - [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)
- Reservations ó [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)
- Reservations ó 877-444-6777

### State and National Park

- [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com)

### RV Rentals

- [www.usarvrentals.com](http://www.usarvrentals.com)
- [www.cruiseamerica.com](http://www.cruiseamerica.com) - Phone: (480) 464-7300

### Safety Gadgets - [www.corporatetravelsafety.com](http://www.corporatetravelsafety.com)

### Planning Your Trip - Place 1 X in each row and column

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	Constrain	Optimize	Accept
Schedule			
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Features			

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Optimize: The most important ó Cost-as cheaply, Schedule-as quickly, Features-as much as possible

Constrain: Set a limit

Accept: What ever shall be shall be

## Safety Tips

- Stay alert and trust your instincts ó always know exactly who is near you and what is going on
- Stay in hotels that only have indoor hallway access
- Females - Never get on elevators with single men. If a man gets on at another floor, get off.
- Always notice who is near you before you enter your room.
- Ask hotel staff to walk you to your car at night.
- If camping, pick a spot between two families with children.
- If camping, ask the park ranger about the safety for a female traveling alone. They will answer your question honestly.
- Walk with purpose, brisk paced, and head held high.
- If you must go outside alone, call someone and stay on the cell phone with them until you return to your room.
- Find a place to stay before dark.
- If you are uncomfortable at all, leave.
- Have people praying for you constantly.

## Financial Tips

- Retreat centers cost less than hotels and often offer meals
- Always ask for a discount off of any price hotels and campgrounds offer. About 25% of time, they will negotiate. I always ask, "Do you offer a ministry discount?"
- Join everything
  - KOA offers a 10% discount for joining
  - Most hotels have a frequent traveler program
  - AAA and AARP give discounts
  - Zoo & garden memberships offer discounts other places
  - National Park passes will get you in for free but not discounts on camping. Senior citizens automatically get entry passes.
  - State park passes can be purchased in most states but usually do not offer discounts on camping.
  - Many camping organizations offer discounts.
  - Many credit cards offer airline miles
- Many restaurants will let you order from the children/senior menu if you ask.
- It is often cheaper to make hotel reservations online than over the phone or in person.
- Hotels may offer a discount for staying multiple nights.
- Everything is a negotiation.
- In restaurants, order larger meals and a take home box. Portion out your meal and put it in the take home box before you eat. You can usually get 1-2 more meals from that.
- Most Wal-marts and many Cracker Barrels will let you stay in your camper overnight for free.

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- National Forests offer inexpensive and beautiful camping. Many have no public restroom and/or shower facilities.
- Truck Stops ó Many let you park campers overnight for free. They have showers available for a nominal charge. Meals are surprisingly good and inexpensive.

## **Favorite US Places**

- o Murdo Car Museum in Murdo, South Dakota ó a delightful surprise. Takes about 2 hours.
- o Figure 8 loop through Utah, Arizona, and Colorado. Treat yourself and take a week.
- o Highway 212 through Montana and Wyoming ó Takes about 4 hours ó the views are amazing.
- o Custer State Park ó Black Hills of South Dakota ó Expect traffic jams because of the buffalo on the roads. It is my favorite park.
- o Big Texan Restaurant and hotel ó Amarillo, Texas ó rustic but fun
- o Oakhurst Tearoom ó Somerset, Pennsylvania
- o Yellowstone National Park
- o Botanical Gardens ó Highway 101 off Oregon Coast
- o Highway 160 ó Colorado
- o Camping - James Island County Park ó Charleston, South Carolina ó It also has a dog park and amusement park
- o Smokey Mountains ó Stay in Townsend, North Carolina ó They call themselves the õpeaceful side of the Smokeyõ and it is true. There is an entrance to the Smokey Mountain right in Townsend.
- o Highway ó California Coast
- o Sedona, Arizona ó The red rocks are amazing.

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