

Take the One-Tonne Challenge ¹

We cannot predict tsunamis. We can predict climate changes.

WORD OF GOD:

Do you not see the signs of the times? [Lk. 12:56](#)

SEE:

- Each year, each person produces an average of over five tonnes of greenhouse gases that warm up the planet, pollute the air and water.
- A speed of 120km/h (65m/h) with non-aligned tires increases fuel consumption by 20%.
- A low-flow showerhead saves 60% of heated water.
- If each family replaced one common light bulb with a fluorescent light bulb, it would be the equivalent of 60,000 fewer cars on the road.

JUDGE:

The United Nations confirms that global warming makes the glaciers melt, raises the sea level, increases tropical storms, floods islands, and makes populations and ecosystems more vulnerable.

ACT:

In each house, everyone can take the One-Tonne Challenge. Get 20 points and you will reach one ton:

- Reduce the use of your car by 10% by re-organizing your errands. (10)
- Respect the speed limit at 100 km/h (60m/h). (10)
- Check your tire pressure once a month. (4)
- When buying a new appliance, choose an energy-efficient one. (10)
- Install 5 compact fluorescent light bulbs. Model: Energy Star. (10)
- Install a low-flow showerhead. (4)
- Collect rainwater for the plants and lawn. (1)

Congratulations to you, who recycle, compost, act for the sake of the planet. For more suggestions, consult the Web site: www.climatechange.gc.ca

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*The future
belongs
to those who
give to the
youth reasons
for hope.*

*Teilhard de
Chardin, SJ*