

Willing Hearts for God's House

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Exodus 35:4-5, 21-22; 36:5-7

35:4 Moses said to the whole Israelite community, "This is what the Lord has commanded: 5 From what you have, take an offering for the Lord. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord an offering of gold, silver and bronze; 6-20... 21 and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the Tent of Meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments. 22 All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the Lord. 36:5 [The skilled craftsman] said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done." 6 Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." And so the people were restrained from bringing more, 7 because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.

I. GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO JOIN HIM

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- THE TABERNACLE WAS GOD'S IDEA
- EVERYONE WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
God never coerces giving.
Giving is a privilege and partnership in God's plan.

2. GOD LOVES WILLING AND CHEERFUL GIVERS

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- MOVED BY THE SPIRIT, NOT BY PRESSURE
Genuine giving begins with gratitude.
- THE JOY OF GIVING
God's people came gladly, not grudgingly.
2 Corinthians 9:7
Each of you should give what you have decide in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- THE MEASURE OF LOVE
What we give to God's work reveals what He means to us.
We don't give to a project, but to a Person — the Lord.

3. GIVING DEMONSTRATES OUR LOVE FOR GOD

Exodus 36:5

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- OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY
Giving is evidence that God's love is alive in His people.
- GOD'S ABUNDANCE MEETS OUR OBEDIENCE
When the people were faithful, God supplied everything needed.
Philippians 4:19
My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
You cannot outgive God.
- THE GLORY BELONGS TO GOD
Their giving ultimately wasn't about the Tabernacle; it was about God's glory.

Psalms 127:1

Unless the Lord build the house, it's builders labor in vain.