

A Heart for Giving

Exodus 25:1-9; 36:6-7

¹The LORD spoke to Moses: ²"Tell the Israelites to take an offering for me. You are to take my offering from everyone who is willing to give. ³ This is the offering you are to receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze; ⁴blue, purple, and scarlet yarn; fine linen and goat hair; ⁵ram skins dyed red and fine leather; acacia wood;

⁶oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; ⁷and onyx along with other gemstones for mounting on the ephod and breastpiece. ⁸"They are to make a sanctuary for me so that I may dwell among them. ⁹You must make it according to all that I show you—the pattern of the tabernacle as well as the pattern of all its furnishings.

Exodus 25:1-9 (CSB)

⁴Then Moses said to the entire Israelite community, "This is what the LORD has commanded: ⁵Take up an offering among you for the LORD. Let everyone whose heart is willing bring this as the LORD's offering:

Exodus 35:4-5 (CSB)

21 Everyone whose heart was moved and whose spirit prompted him came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its services, and for the holy garments.

Exodus 35:21 (CSB)

**26 And all the women whose hearts were moved
spun the goat hair by virtue of their skill.**

Exodus 35:26 (CSB)

²⁹So the Israelites brought a freewill offering to the LORD, all the men and women whose hearts prompted them to bring something for all the work that the LORD, through Moses, had commanded to be done.

Exodus 35:29 (CSB)

³They took from Moses's presence all the contributions that the Israelites had brought for the task of making the sanctuary. Meanwhile, the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning.

Exodus 36:3 (CSB)

Giving is primarily
an issue of the heart

19" Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. 20But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21 (CSB)

If our hearts are not in the right place,
then our giving will not be in the right place.

⁶The point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (CSB)

⁶After Moses gave an order, they sent a proclamation throughout the camp: "Let no man or woman make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." So the people stopped. ⁷The materials were sufficient for them to do all the work. There was more than enough.

Exodus 36:6-7 (CSB)

When we give the way God intends for us to give, there will always be enough to fulfill the task He has for us.

**¹⁹And my God will supply all your needs
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 4:19 (CSB)

Let's give, and keep giving,
what God has blessed us with,
so we can keep going as we live out
the purpose of Jesus in our church.

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