

Series: **Exodus: Seeing God in the Journey**
Title: **Giving with a Generous Heart: Contributions for the Tabernacle**
Text: **Ex. 25; Ex. 35:4-29; Num. 7**

The Context:

Ex. 21-32 – God instructs Moses on the mountain

- Laws Festivals Priests and their garments
- Building of the tabernacle and its elements and Contributions

Ex. 32-34 – Israel sins and the covenant is removed and restored

Ex. 35-39 – Israel obeys God regarding the giving and construction of the Tabernacle

Ex. 40 – God inhabits the tabernacle with his glory

GIVING IS INSTRUCTED BY GOD

Exodus 25:1

The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me.

- Take up a contribution
- Receive a contribution

Ex. 35:4-5

⁴ *Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “This is the thing that the Lord has commanded.*

⁵ *Take from among you a contribution to the Lord. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the Lord's contribution...”*

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GIVING COMES FROM A MOVED GENEROUS HEART AND SPIRIT

- From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me.
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Ex. 35:20-22

Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the Lord's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. So they came, both men and women, all who were of a willing heart.

- Heart stirred, spirit moved, willing heart

Ex. 35:29

All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the Lord.

- A freewill offering

GIVING COMES IN MANY WAYS

Goods:

Ex. 35:22-38

- Gold and silver and bronze
 - *Brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the LORD.*
 - ²⁴ *Everyone who could make a contribution of silver or bronze brought it as the LORD's contribution.*
- Special types of wood and stones, gems, cloth, spices and oil
 - *And every one who possessed blue or purple or scarlet yarns or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or goatskins brought them.*
 - *...leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastpiece,²⁸ and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense.*
- Num. 7 – each tribe brought wealth from the leaders to the tabernacle

Services:

Ex. 35:10 – *“Let every skillful craftsman among you come and make all that the Lord has commanded”...*

Ex. 35:25 – *And every skillful woman spun with her hands, and they all brought what they had spun in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. All the women whose hearts stirred them to use their skill spun the goats' hair.*

Skills

Ex. 31:1-3 – *The LORD said to Moses, “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship...”*

...to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft.

Two leaders appointed, gifted and anointed to oversee

Ex. 36:1 – *“Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whom the Lord has put skill and intelligence to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that the Lord has commanded.”*

GIVING WILL BLESS THE GIVER

Malachi 3:10 – *Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.*

1 Sam 15:22 – *Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice...*

GIVING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT MIRRORS THIS COMMAND

It is instructed by God

Acts 2:44-45

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

(2 Cor. 8:1-15) speaks of the generosity of the churches giving to the other churches and ministries.

The heart must be right

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

There is a blessing to those who give

2 Corinthians 9:6

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Matthew 6:4

"...so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

GIVING SUPPLIES FOUR THINGS

Giving Supplies for the Sanctuary of the Lord

Giving Supplies for the Servants of the Church

Giving Supplies for the Spreading of the Gospel

Giving Supplies for the Soul of the Giver

Prayer