

“Generosity”

Freedom from Smallness of Heart

“The Generous Heart: Sharing our talents”

Exodus 35: 4-10, 20-22 (NIV)

35:29-36:7 (NIV)

⁽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⁾blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ⁽⁷⁾ram skins dyed red and hides of sea cows; acacia wood; ⁽⁸⁾olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; ⁽⁹⁾and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breast piece.

⁽¹⁰⁾ “All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the Lord has commanded.”

⁽²⁰⁾Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses' presence, ⁽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.

⁽²⁹⁾All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the Lord freewill offerings for all the work the Lord through Moses had commanded them to do.

⁽³⁰⁾Then Moses said to the Israelites, “See the Lord has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ⁽³¹⁾and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts—⁽³²⁾to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, ⁽³³⁾to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic craftsmanship.

⁽³⁴⁾And he has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan the ability to teach others. ⁽³⁵⁾He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as craftsmen, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them master craftsmen and designers ^(36:1)So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the Lord has commanded.”

⁽²⁾Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. ⁽³⁾They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued

to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. ⁽⁴⁾So all the skilled craftsmen who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left their work ⁽⁵⁾and 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. Talent is _____

II. Everyone has _____ to _____

III. _____ begins in the _____

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