

## Explaining Faith Promise

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- Real giving starts with giving yourself to the Lord, His kingdom, and His purposes **8:5** And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.
- Our example is Jesus who gave up what He had to make us rich and we give up what we have to make others rich **8:9** For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.
- You give according to what you have **8:12** For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.
- We reap according to how we sow **9:6** But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
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- God loves a cheerful giver **9:7** Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.
- God's people wanted to be involved in this special offering **8:3-4** For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; **4** Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

## I. An Old Testament example of this type of giving seen in the Tabernacle **Exodus 35**

- A. First the offering was given from those with a willing heart **35:5** Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a **willing heart**, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,
- B. The wise hearted worked making what they knew how to make **35:10** And every **wise hearted** among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded;

- C. They gave and did because their heart stirred them up **35:21** And they came, every one **whose heart stirred him** up, and every one whom **his spirit made willing,** and they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.
- D. They came with their offerings because they were willing hearted **35:22** And they came, both men and women, as many as were **willing hearted,** and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the LORD.
- E. They did things because their heart stirred them up **35:26** And all the women whose **heart stirred** them up in wisdom spun goats' hair.
- F. They gave a willing offering because their heart made them willing **35:29** The children of Israel brought a **willing offering** unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose **heart made them willing** to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

- G. The people brought more than was needed **36:5** And they spake unto Moses, saying, **The people bring much more than enough** for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make.
- H. They had to restrain the people from giving **36:6** And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So **the people were restrained** from bringing.
- I. They gave sufficient and too much **36:7** For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.
- J. This was a special offering that they were giving for the tabernacle
- K. They gave because they wanted to, it was in their heart
- L. God blessed their giving

## II. The Old Testament example of the Temple

### **I Chronicles 29:1-19**

- A. David prepared with all his might for the temple **29:2**  
**Now I have prepared with all my might** for the house

of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

- B. He did that because his affection was toward the house of God **29:3** Moreover, because I have **set my affection** to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given **to the house of my God**, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,
- C. God's people also gave willingly **29:6** Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, **offered willingly**,
- D. They rejoiced, got happy, because they were giving willingly with a perfect or complete heart-it was what they wanted to do **29:9** Then the people **rejoiced**, for that they **offered willingly**, because with **perfect heart** they **offered willingly** to the LORD: and **David** the king also **rejoiced with great joy**.

- E. David leads the congregation in prayer **29:10** Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.
- F. David acknowledges what we all know and that is that God is the owner of everything **29:11-12** **Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine;** thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. **12** Both riches and honour **come of thee,** and thou reignest over all; and **in thine hand is power and might;** and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.
- G. David couldn't believe that God would allow him to participate in giving to God and His work **29:14** But **who am I, and what is my people,** that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.
- H. David recognized that everything that he would give was given to him by God **29:14** But **who am I, and what is my people,** that we should be able to offer so willingly after

this sort? for all things come of thee, and **of thine own have we given thee.**

I. All we can do is give back to God what He has given to us

**29:16** O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name **cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.**

J. David was happy and blessed to see God's people giving willingly **29:17** I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now **have I seen with joy** thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

III. There are lots of promises about giving all throughout the Bible

A. Give and it shall be given in the same manner **Luke 6:38**  
Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the **same measure** that ye mete withal it shall **be measured to you again.**

B. God supplies our needs as we give for His purposes

**Philippians 4:19** But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

C. I do not want you to think that you give to get

D. We give because we love

E. We realize that we are administrators of what He has given us

#### IV. Giving instructions

A. We need to give because we want to not because we are pressured in any way

B. Giving is a love thing, something from the heart

C. We need to remember to take care of our church and its local ministries first-

D. "The light that shines the farthest shines the brightest at home!"

E. We should not give emotionally because emotions run out-what excites you right now will not be that emotionally exciting after a few months

#### V. How it works with our church and missionaries

A. You make a promise so we can have a budget

1. You pray about what you want to do
2. You ask God to lay on your heart an offering that He would have you to give
3. You promise Him that you will give as He provides
4. This is not some fictitious number but what you by faith believe that you can give
5. This is a step of faith
6. Your faithful gift allows us to by faith take on missionaries
7. We promise to give by faith as a church trusting Him to provide through you our promise

B. Each week we work towards that offering

1. We each pray and ask God to give through us
2. The church takes our combined offerings and disperses them to our missionaries