

Freewill Offerings in the Old Testament

Freewill offerings to Consider

- Building the Tabernacle
- Building the Temple
- Restoring the Temple

Building the Tabernacle

Ex 25:1-9; Ex 35:20-29

The children of Israel were to give _____ from the _____.
Their gift was to be used to build the tabernacle. The gift had a _____. The Lord wanted to dwell among the people!

They were told to bring _____ needed to build the tabernacle.

Some of the gifts required work. The women _____ yarn with their hands.

Ex 36:2-7

The people who did the work were willing volunteers and their hearts were _____.

The people who brought the money kept bringing it every morning until the need was met.

Once the needs were met, the craftsmen told Moses that the people brought “_____ than enough.”

Moses then commanded the people to stop giving. He _____ the people from bringing more material for the building of the tabernacle.

Building the Temple

1 Chron 29:1-5

David recognized a future need and prepared with all his _____ to make sure that need was met.

David was giving, and asking the people to give, so they could build God a dwelling place.

David gave _____ to be used in building the temple. (gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood...)

The reason David was able to give willingly and with a good attitude was because he set his _____ on the house of God.

David's first question was “who is willing to _____ himself this day to the Lord?”

1 Chron 29:6-9

The leaders and the people offered _____ and with a _____ heart.

David, and the people, _____ that they were able to play a significant role in building God's house.

1 Chron 29:10-20

David blessed God and recognized that _____ riches come from Him.
David realized that they were simply giving back to God what God had _____ them.
The physical things the people had never stopped being God's.
David's prayer acknowledged his willingness and the people's willingness to freely give back to Him.
David prayed that the people would always have this attitude and that they would _____
their hearts on God.
At the end of his prayer, David told the assembly to bless the Lord. The people _____
their heads and prostrated themselves before God.

Repairing the Temple

2 Chron 24:4-14

Joash _____ his heart on preparing the house of the Lord.
Joash told the Levites and the priests to go into all the cities of Judah and collect _____
in order to repair the house of God.
Joash was upset that the priests delayed bringing in the collection according to the commandment of _____.
This need was present due to the _____ of Athaliah and her sons.
They made a _____ and set it outside the gate of the house of the Lord and instructed
the people to bring the same kind of gift Moses commanded when he built the tabernacle.
The leaders and all the people _____ at the instructions and brought money in
_____.
Joash and Jehoiada took the money and gave it to the skilled _____ who restored the
house of God to its original condition and reinforced it.
The _____ of the money was used to make articles for the house of the Lord.

So What?

There was a pattern!

1. There was a need.
2. The people were instructed to give in order to satisfy that need.
3. The people were to offer their money willingly and with a loyal heart.
4. The people often gave more than was needed to meet the need and had to be told to stop.
5. Sometimes the money was stored up for future use.
6. Sometimes the money was used to compliment the original purpose of the collection.