

24/7 THE BEGINNING THE OFFERING

Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze..." Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. EXODUS 35:4-20 ESV

Then they came back, every one whose heart was roused, whose spirit was freely responsive, bringing offerings to GOD for building the Tent of Meeting, furnishing it for worship... EXODUS 35:20-21 THE MESSAGE

Both men and women came, all whose hearts were willing. They brought to the LORD their offerings of gold—brooches, earrings, rings from their fingers, and necklaces. They presented gold objects of every kind as a special offering to the LORD. All those who owned the following items willingly brought them: blue, purple, and scarlet thread; fine linen and goat hair for cloth; and tanned ram skins and fine goatskin leather. And all who had silver and bronze objects gave them as a sacred offering to the LORD. And those who had acacia wood brought it for use in the project. All the women who were skilled in sewing and spinning prepared blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen cloth. All the women who were willing used their skills to spin the goat hair into yarn. The leaders brought onyx stones and the special gemstones to be set in the ephod and the priest's chestpiece. They also brought spices and olive oil for the light, the anointing oil, and the fragrant incense. So the people of Israel—every man and woman who was eager to help in the work the LORD had given them through Moses—brought their gifts and gave them freely to the LORD. EXODUS 35:22-29 NLT

1. God loves when his people give generously.

I really don't need to write to you about this ministry of giving... For I know how eager you are to help, and I have been boasting to the churches in Macedonia that you in Greece were ready to send an offering a year ago. In fact, it was your enthusiasm that stirred up many of the Macedonian believers to begin giving. 2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-2 NLT

... For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. 2 CORINTHIANS 9:13 NLT

2. God loves when his people give cheerfully.

... For God loves a person who gives cheerfully. 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 NLT

... You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." ACTS 20:35 NLT

Give to those who ask... MATTHEW 5:42 NLT

3. God loves when people give thoughtfully.

You must each decide in your heart how much to give... 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 NLT

4. God loves when people give sacrificially.

But King David replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on buying it for the full price. I will not take what is yours and give it to the LORD. I will not present burnt offerings that have cost me nothing!" 1 CHRONICLES 21:24 NLT

5. God loves to bless those who give, period!

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. LUKE 6:38 NLT

Give freely and spontaneously. Don't have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this triggers GOD, your God's, blessing in everything you do, all your work and ventures. DEUTERONOMY 15:10 THE MESSAGE