

A Warrior's Notes

Joyful Willingness

“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,”—**Exodus 35:5**

“Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.”—**Psalms 110:3**

God has never been interested in forced service—He looks for a willing heart.

In **Exodus 35**, the Lord invited Israel to give toward the tabernacle, but only from those whose hearts stirred them freely. The value of the gift was not measured by its size, but by the spirit in which it was given.

Psalms 110:3 shows that when God's power is at work among His people, it produces readiness and eagerness to serve.

True spiritual power does not coerce; it creates joyful willingness. A heart touched by God delights to give, to serve, and to consecrate itself to Him.

The Christian life is not sustained by pressure or obligation, but by love that responds freely to God's grace. When we remember what the Lord has done for us, willingness becomes worship.

An example of this spirit is seen in the building of the tabernacle itself.

In **Exodus 36:5–7**, the people gave so willingly and abundantly that Moses had to restrain them from bringing more. Their hearts overflowed with gratitude for God's deliverance from Egypt, and their generosity reflected a people eager to honor the Lord.

Willing hearts produced and still produce abundant provision for God's work.

In the New Testament, we see this principle in the Macedonian believers in **2 Corinthians 8:1–5**. Though in deep poverty, they gave beyond their ability and did so willingly, first giving their own selves to the Lord.

Their generosity flowed from surrendered hearts. They were not compelled; they counted it a privilege to participate in God's work.

God still seeks willing hearts today. Whether we give our time, resources, or service, the Lord delights in cheerful, voluntary devotion.

A willing heart is evidence of God's power at work within us—and such willingness brings beauty and joy to our walk with Him.