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Exodus 36:1-7

INTRODUCTION

From today's key passage, we can learn some things about the spirit of contagious generosity in the congregation that made that exact thing possible. By reading about the Israelites, we can glean principles that can help us in our own efforts to further God's work on the earth.

KEY POINTS

1. We Need To Be Convinced In Our Hearts

There's a connection between God blessing us and the condition of our hearts. If we give begrudgingly or under compulsion, God doesn't want it. God wants us to give to Him because we are so moved and so overwhelmed in our hearts that we do so freely. This is the kind of giving that not only makes an impact on others but also changes us as well.

2. Let's Be Consistent In Our Support

Exodus 35 indicates that the people brought offerings on a "daily" basis—every morning. That is significant because it suggests that they didn't wait until the Sabbath worship service to support the work of ministry. They were so sensitive to the needs before them that they brought offerings consistently on a daily basis.

They didn't have to be pushed or prodded. They didn't have to be manipulated, cajoled, or guilted. They gave on their own accord. God asked, and the people responded. They woke up every day with the will of the Lord on their minds and with the needs of the Lord's house on their hearts. It is this kind of commitment and this kind of consistency that is needed for the church today.

3. We Must Give To God Confidently

When the people gave to God, there was no discussion or debate about how the resources were used. That suggests that they gave not only out of duty, love, and respect for God, but they also had a high regard for the integrity of the leadership. Nowhere in the story do we hear of (or learn about) anyone among them going home questioning the financial management of the resources given towards the work. In fact, there was so much integrity here that when the leadership was informed by the skilled workers that they had more than enough, the leadership went out and told the people to stop giving.

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They didn't develop a plan to take some for themselves; they had the integrity to inform the people where things stood. And consequently, the people could be confident with their giving because they could trust those in charge of managing their giving. This is the kind of integrity the church needs to emulate so the people of the church can give with confidence.

4. Let's Give Contagiously

There is this sense that the atmosphere for giving is so contagious, and the energy so infectious that the people gladly, cheerfully, and joyfully gave towards what was happening. The same can happen for us today. Generosity is contagious. So if a few people choose to partake in giving generously, that spirit of giving will spread!

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How do you feel about giving in your heart? Do you feel obligated to give? Or do you feel excited to give?
2. What are some needs you can meet by giving throughout the week rather than just waiting to give at church on Sunday?
3. When was a time you witnessed how generosity can be contagious?
