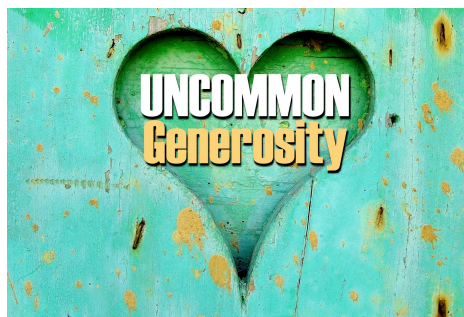


## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia Message...

#### Free to Give

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor  
November 28, 2022



#### What is uncommon generosity and how do we grow in this gift?

Exodus 35:4-11, 20-29 (NLT) Then Moses said to the whole community of Israel, "This is what the Lord has commanded: <sup>5</sup> Take a sacred offering for the Lord. Let those with *generous hearts* present the following gifts to the Lord: gold, silver, and bronze; <sup>6</sup> blue, purple, and scarlet thread; fine linen and goat hair for cloth; <sup>7</sup> tanned ram skins and fine goatskin leather; acacia wood; <sup>8</sup> olive oil for the lamps; spices for the anointing oil and the fragrant incense; <sup>9</sup> onyx stones, and other gemstones to be set in the ephod and the priest's chest piece. <sup>10</sup> "Come, all of you who are gifted craftsmen. Construct everything that the Lord has commanded: <sup>11</sup> the Tabernacle and its sacred tent...<sup>20</sup> So the whole community of Israel left Moses and returned to their tents. <sup>21</sup> *All whose hearts were stirred* and whose spirits were moved came and brought their sacred offerings to the Lord. They brought all the materials needed for the Tabernacle, for the performance of its rituals, and for the sacred garments. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> All the women who were skilled in sewing and spinning prepared blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen cloth. <sup>26</sup> All the women who were *willing* used their skills to spin the goat hair into yarn. <sup>27</sup> The leaders brought onyx stones and the special gemstones to be set in the ephod and the priest's chest piece. <sup>28</sup> They also brought spices and olive oil for the light, the anointing oil, and the fragrant incense. <sup>29</sup> 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.*

#### 1) Our generosity reflects devotion to our generous God.

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Exodus 36:6 (NLT) "Men and women, don't prepare any more gifts for the sanctuary. We have enough!"

- **As we become more like Christ – we will become more generous.**

#### 2) We give to the Lord when we give towards the vision & mission of His Church.

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***We long to see thousands of people experience the Kingdom of Jesus together wherever we live, work, play, & go.***

#### 3) God is pleased when we give freely and willingly.

v. 29 "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."

Luke 12:48 (NIV) "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

Luke 16:10 (NIV) "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NLT) "Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. <sup>7</sup> You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.'"

**Big Idea: Give freely & willingly in response to God's grace in Christ.**

- **Give your whole life to Jesus Christ.**
- **Grow in the gift of generosity.**
- **Give as the Lord leads.**

2 Corinthians 9:8 (ESV) "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."



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- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What does it mean for us as we seek to reflect our generous God? What does it mean to give freely and willingly with a generous heart?
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- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? What specific action step is God asking you to take in light of this teaching?
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