

DEATH

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# Will Of Man

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**Does The Bible Teach that  
Man has the ability to act  
at one's own discretion?**





21 And they came, everyone **whose heart was stirred** and everyone **whose spirit was willing**, and brought the Lord's offering to be used for the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the sacred vestments.

**Exodus 35:21 NRSV**





29 All the Israelite men and women **whose hearts made them willing** to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a **freewill** offering to the Lord.

**Exodus 35:29 NRSV**






# Hebrew Definition

“made them willing.”

We can see that man’s own heart can make him willing to do something for God. Man can respond to God on His own.

## Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I.* to incite, impel, make willing 
- A.* (Qal) to incite, impel
- B.* (Hithpael)
  - i.* to volunteer
  - ii.* to offer free-will offerings

## Strong’s Definitions [?]

(Strong’s Definitions Legend)


**נָדַב** *nâdab*, naw-dab'; a primitive root; to impel; hence, to volunteer (as a soldier), to present spontaneously:—offer freely, be (give, make, offer self) willing(-ly).

## Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon [?]

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Abbreviations

† **נָדַב** *verb* incite, impel (Late Hebrew *id.*; Arabic **نَدَّبَ** *call impel, incite* ( **نَدَّبَ** *be noble, willing, Generous* is denominative from [ **نَدَّبَ** compare] **נָדַיב** according to Ba<sup>NB</sup> § 125<sup>e</sup>); VIII. **نَدِب** *ready, willing*; Assyrian *nidbu, freewill-offering* DI<sup>HWB</sup> 448; Aramaic **נָדַב** *be willing* Pa. Ithpa.; Zinjirli **נדב** *inciting, instigation* DHM<sup>Sendsch. 60</sup>); — **Qal** Perfect 3rd person masculine singular **נָדַב** Exodus 35:29; 3rd person feminine singular **נָדַבָה** Exodus 35:21; Imperfect 3rd person masculine singular suffix **יִדְבְּנוּ** Exodus 25:2; — **אַשֶׁר נָדַב לְבוֹ** Exodus 25:2 *whose heart incited* compare **יִדְבְּנוּ** Exodus 35:29; subject **רוּחַ** Exodus 35:21 (all P). 



# The Bible will tell us when “God” moves on someone’s heart or spirit.

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, to fulfill the word of the Lord from the mouth of Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also in writing, saying:

**Ezra 1:1 NRSV**

**We have clear evidence that the Bible will tell us when God stirs up or moves on the heart of man to incite or impel them to do something. We cannot add to the Bible by saying God controls all the hearts of men when there is not one scripture that states that.**



# The Men of Ninevah Believed & Repented without the Holy Spirit.

4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

8 Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All **shall turn from their evil ways** and from the violence that is in their hands. 9 Who knows? **God may relent and change his mind**; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

10 When **God saw what they did**, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

## Jonah 3:4,8-10 NRSV

41 The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, **because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah**, and indeed something greater than Jonah is here!

Matthew 12:41 NRSV



# The Holy Spirit Came Upon Believers in New Covenant.

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

## **Acts 2:2-4 NRSV**

The Holy Spirit was given to a few people in the Old Testament. We never see where the Holy Spirit was given to make someone believe in God. We see people in the Gospels believing in Jesus without the Holy Spirit. Once people repented, believed then the Holy Spirit came upon them.

38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” 39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified. **John 7:38-39 NRSV**



# God uses strategy to steer the freewill of man.

17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer, for God thought, “If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt.”

Exodus 13:17 NRSV

God knows that His creation has the power to choose as they will, so God does not lead them by the land of the Philistines to avoid war so His people would not change their minds and try to return back to Egypt.

