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Willful Giving: Make it Count

It's A Lot Easier To Give, When We Give Out Of Thankfulness

1 Chronicles 29:5-6,9,14,17 - *Now then, who will follow my example and give offerings to the LORD today?"⁶ Then the family leaders, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the generals and captains of the army, and the king's administrative officers all gave willingly...⁹ The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD, and King David was filled with joy...¹⁴ But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!¹⁷...I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously.*

Only Thankful Hearts Can Give This Much As An Act Of Joyful Worship

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 - *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. ⁷ 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."⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.*

Hebrews 12:2 - *...Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.*

Hebrews 13:15-16 - *Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. ¹⁶ And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are sacrifices that please God.*

- 1) **The Continual Sacrifice Of Praise To God.**
- 2) **Doing Good And Sharing With Those In Need.**

Philippians 4:18 - *At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.*

1 Peter 2:5 - *you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.*

Following Christ Continually Involves Sacrificial Living

Giving Is Intended To Be A Joy And A Blessing...Even A Sacrifice

Leviticus 27:30 - *One-tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to him as holy.*

2 Chronicles 31:5 - *When the people of Israel heard these requirements, they responded generously by bringing the first share of their grain, new wine, olive oil, honey, and all the produce of their fields. They brought a large quantity—a tithe of all they produced.*

1 Corinthians 16:2 - *On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income...*

Paul Saw Giving Consistent With How God Has Blessed You

James 1:5 - *If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you...*