

Exodus 35:1-3;4-8;10 (NIV)

Moses assembled the whole Israelite community and said to them, "These are the things the LORD has commanded you to do: For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day shall be your holy day, a day of sabbath rest to the LORD . . ."

(Then) Moses said to the whole Israelite community, "This is what the LORD has commanded: From what you have, take an offering for the LORD. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the LORD an offering of gold, silver and bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense . . ."

"All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the LORD has commanded."

Everyone who is <u>willing</u> is to bring to the Lord an <u>offering</u>... Exodus 35:5 (NIV)

When you are "Living out the gospel life" you . . .

I. GIVE_____.

• It's a matter of the _____!

For if the willingness is there, (your) gift is acceptable according to what (you have), not according to what (you do) not have. 2 Corinthians 8:12 (NIV)

2. GIVE ______.

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Finally the craftsmen who were working on the sanctuary left their work. They went to Moses and reported, "The people have given more than enough materials to complete the job the LORD has commanded us to do!" So Moses gave the command . . . "Men and women, don't prepare any more gifts for the sanctuary. We have enough!" . . . Their contributions were more than enough to complete the whole project. Exodus 36:4–7 (NLT)

The Poor Widow

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

The offering given by the poor woman made three very important statements:

I. She was no longer ______ at God.

2. She _____ God.

3. She ______ in the work of God.

What is my role in the next phase of the Christ Church journey?