

1 Chronicles 29:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?

Analysis

David's question following his description of temple preparations: 'And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?' The Hebrew phrase 'to fill his hand' (l'malle yado) is priestly consecration language (Exodus 29:9). David democratizes this - not just priests but all people can 'fill their hands' through generous giving. The question 'who is willing?' (mi mitnaddev) seeks volunteers, not coerced giving. This teaches that acceptable offerings come from willing hearts, not external pressure. Paul echoes this: 'God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Corinthians 9:7). Christ's willing self-offering provides the ultimate model of consecrated service.

Historical Context

Following David's extraordinary personal gifts (29:2-4), this question invited the people's participation. Their response (29:6-9) demonstrated that leadership's generous example inspires community-wide sacrificial giving for God's work.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How willing is your heart in giving to God's work - joyful privilege or reluctant obligation?
2. What would 'consecrating your service' - filling your hands as a priestly act - look like in your current circumstances?

Interlinear Text

לְזַבֵּב	לְזַבֵּב	לְזַבֵּב	לְזַבֵּב	וְלְכָל	מְלָאֵךְ הָ
The gold	The gold	and the silver	and the silver	H3605	and for all manner of work
H2091	H2091	H3701	H3701		H4399
זָבֵב	זָבֵב	זָבֵב	זָבֵב	לְמַלְאָךְ	לְמַלְאָךְ
his service	of artificers	H4310	And who then is willing	to consecrate	his service
H3027	H2796		H5068	H4390	H3027
זָבֵב	זָבֵב	זָבֵב	זָבֵב	לְמַלְאָךְ	לְמַלְאָךְ
לִיהוָה:	לִיהוָה:	לִיהוָה:	לִיהוָה:	לְמַלְאָךְ	לְמַלְאָךְ
this day	unto the LORD				
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