

# 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

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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

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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

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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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

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לְזָהָב	לְזָהָב	לִפְנֵי כֶסֶף	לִפְנֵי כֶסֶף	וּלְכָל	מְלָאכָה הַ
<b>The gold</b>	<b>The gold</b>	<b>and the silver</b>	<b>and the silver</b>	<b>H3605</b>	<b>and for all manner of work</b>
H2091	H2091	H3701	H3701		H4399
יְדוֹ	קְדָשׁ יָמַי	וּמִי	מִתְנַדֵּב	לְמַלְאוֹת	יְדוֹ
<b>his service</b>	<b>of artificers</b>	<b>H4310</b>	<b>And who then is willing</b>	<b>to consecrate</b>	<b>his service</b>
H3027	H2796		H5068	H4390	H3027
הַיּוֹם	לַיהוָה:				
<b>this day</b>	<b>unto the LORD</b>				
H3117	H3068				