

# Exodus 35:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD:  
whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of  
the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,

## Analysis

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The call for offerings specifically targets those whose heart makes them willing (אֲשֶׁר יִדְּבֶנּוּ לְבוֹ, *asher yidvenu libbo*—'whose heart makes him willing'). The Hebrew emphasizes internal motivation—the heart 'impels' or 'volunteers' the person. This principle establishes that God desires gifts flowing from love, not obligation. The extensive list that follows (gold, silver, bronze, fine linens, oils, spices, stones) represents the best of Egypt's plunder, now consecrated for divine purposes.

## Historical Context

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The materials requested were precisely those Israel plundered from Egypt (12:35-36), demonstrating how God transforms spoils of deliverance into instruments of worship. These were costly materials requiring genuine sacrifice from the community.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. What does God's emphasis on willing hearts teach about the nature of acceptable worship and giving?
2. How did Egypt's wealth, given to Israel at the Exodus, find its ultimate purpose in building God's dwelling?

## Interlinear Text

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לֵב וְ	נָדָב יֵב	כָּל	יְהוָה	תְּרוּמָה ת	מֵאֲתָךְ מ	קַח ו
<b>heart</b>	<b>is of a willing</b>	<b>whosoever</b>	<b>of the LORD</b>	<b>it an offering</b>	<b>Take</b>	
H3820	H5081	H3605	H3068	H8641	H853	H3947
וּנְחֹשֶׁת:	זָכָב וְ	זָהָב	יְהוָה	תְּרוּמָה ת	אֵת	יְבִיא הֶ
<b>and brass</b>	<b>and silver</b>	<b>gold</b>	<b>of the LORD</b>	<b>it an offering</b>		<b>let him bring</b>
H5178	H3701	H2091	H3068	H8641	H853	H935

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Corinthians 9:7** (Parallel theme): Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

**Psalms 110:3** (Parallel theme): Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.