

# Exodus 36:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

## Analysis

Moses issues a proclamation 'throughout the camp' (בַּמַּחֲנֶה, ba-machaneh) commanding cessation of offerings—perhaps the only biblical instance of commanding people to stop giving. The phrase 'Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering' (אַל־יַעֲשׂוּ־עוֹד מְלָאכָה לְתְרוּמַת הַקֹּדֶשׁ, al-ya'asu-od melakhah litrumah ha-kodesh) demonstrates that even good things (giving) must be done in proper measure and timing. Wisdom knows both when to give and when to cease giving.

## Historical Context

This proclamation required Moses to exercise leadership by restraining enthusiasm—a delicate task. Stopping the flow of offerings could have been interpreted negatively, but the people obeyed, demonstrating their trust in Moses' leadership and understanding that excess should not be gathered.

## Related Passages

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does Moses' command to stop giving teach about leadership and the wisdom to restrain even good impulses?
2. How does the principle of 'enough' challenge prosperity-focused ministry cultures?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֵּצֵא ו	מֹשֶׁה ה	וַעֲבַד יְרוֹ	ק וְל			
<b>gave commandment</b>	<b>And Moses</b>	<b>H5674</b>	<b>and they caused it to be proclaimed</b>			
H6680	H4872		H6963			
בְּמַחֲנֶה	לֵאמֹר	אִישׁ	וְאִשָּׁה	אֵל	עֹד יַעֲשׂוּ	
<b>throughout the camp</b>	<b>saying</b>	<b>Let neither man</b>	<b>nor woman</b>	<b>H408</b>	<b>make</b>	<b>H5750</b>
H4264	H559	H376	H802		H6213	
מְלָאכָה	לְתִרְוֵם ת	הַקֹּדֶשׁ	וְנִלְא	הָעָם		
<b>any more work</b>	<b>for the offering</b>	<b>of the sanctuary</b>	<b>were restrained</b>	<b>So the people</b>		
H4399	H8641	H6944	H3607	H5971		
מִהֵבִיא:						
<b>from bringing</b>						
H935						

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