

Build: How to Get My Church to Stop Asking Me to Give



So Moses issued a new directive, and it spread quickly throughout “We do not need any more contributions to complete the congregation tent. We have more than enough.” With that the people stopped bringing contributions... **Exodus 36:6** (VOICE)

I CAN STOP MY CHURCH FROM ASKING ME TO GIVE IF ...

1. I _____ TO GOD.

Moses said to the whole Israelite community, “This is what the LORD has commanded: ⁵From what you have, take an offering for the LORD. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the LORD an offering....

Exodus 35:4-5a (NIV)

Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses’ presence, ²¹and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments. **Exodus 35:20, 21** (NIV)

All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the LORD. **Exodus 35:22** (NIV)

- I will willingly give to God when I _____ God.

I am not ordering you to give, but I want to see how real your love....
2 Corinthians 8:8 (TPP)

2. I _____ TO GOD.

Bring to the LORD an offering of gold, silver and bronze; ⁶blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ⁷ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather^[a]; acacia wood; ⁸olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; ⁹and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. **Exodus 35:5b-9** (NIV)

- I will give generously to God when I appreciate that God has _____ to me.

Then the Lord said to Abram, “You should know this: Your descendants will live in a country that is not their own. They will be strangers there. The people there will make them slaves and be cruel to them for 400 years. ¹⁴ But then I will punish the nation that made them slaves. Your people will leave that land, and they will take many good things with them. **Genesis 15:13, 14** (ERV)

The Israelites had already done what Moses had told them; they had asked the Egyptians for silver and gold things and clothing. ³⁶ GOD saw to it that the Egyptians liked the people and so readily gave them what they asked for. Oh yes! They picked those Egyptians clean **Exodus 12:35, 36** (MP).

You know the grace that has come to us through our Lord Jesus. He set aside His infinite riches and was born into the lowest circumstance so that you may gain great riches through His humble poverty. **2 Corinthians 8:9** (TPP)

I will not make an offering to the Eternal One, my True God, that has cost me nothing. **2 Samuel 24:24** (VOICE)

3. I _____ TO GOD.

“Have the people of Israel build Me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them.” **Exodus 25:8** (NLT)

- I will consistently give if grasp God that God wants to _____ to me

Then he erected the enclosure surrounding the tent and the altar, and set up the curtain-door at the entrance of the enclosure. So at last Moses finished the work. ³⁴ Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle and the glory of the Lord filled it. ³⁵ Moses was not able to enter because the cloud was standing there, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. ³⁶ Whenever the cloud lifted and moved, the people of Israel journeyed onward, following it. ³⁷ But if the cloud stayed, they stayed until it moved. ³⁸ The cloud rested upon the Tabernacle during the daytime, and at night there was fire in the cloud so that all the people of Israel could see it. **Exodus 34:33-38** (TLB)

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.
Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)

“Don’t keep hoarding for yourselves earthly treasures that can be stolen by thieves. Material wealth eventually rusts, decays, and loses its value. ²⁰ Instead, stockpile heavenly treasures for yourselves that cannot be stolen and will never rust, decay, or lose their value. ²¹ For your heart will always pursue what you value as your treasure. ²⁴ “How could you worship two gods at the same time? You will have to hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You can’t worship the true God while enslaved to the god of money!” **Matthew 6:19, 20, 24** (TPP)

Outsiders make themselves frantic over such questions; they don’t realize that your heavenly Father knows exactly what you need. ³³ Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and then all these things will be given to you too. **Matthew 6:32,33** (VOICE)