

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER:

- Assume there was no giving by God, by others and you
- Do you recall moments when God gave you?
- Types of giving; Tithe, thanksgiving, offertory, vows/pledges.

Hilarion Hilary.... Hilariousdelighted....joyous....happy..

Gen. 4:1-12 2Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³In the course of time Cain brought **some of the fruits** of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴**And Abel also brought an offering fat portion from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favour on Abel and his offering,** ⁵but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favour. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.... ¹²When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”

Accordingly, **Acts 5: 1-11** now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. ²With his wife’s full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles’ feet.

³Then Peter said, **“Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?** ⁴Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.”

⁹Peter said to her, “How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.” ¹¹Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events. We look at **5 aspects of a cheerful giver:**

1. CHARACTER

Boaz to **Ruth 2:9 and 3:15** Giving without expecting

Jesse 1 **Sam`16:20 and 17:17 WITHOUT REASON**

Peter giving a boat, Luke 5:3-8; **He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.** 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." 5 **Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."** 6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

Characters who offer to God their offertory is not in vain....

A cheerful giver has a character that releases without grudging...

2. CHOICE (the best)

David (**1Chron. 22:14**) "I have taken great pains to provide for the temple of the Lord a hundred thousand talents of gold, a million talents, of silver, quantities of bronze and iron too great to be weighed, and wood and stone. And you may add to them.

Solomon, Martha

1Chron. 21:24, "But King David replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the Lord what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing."

2Chron. 7When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. 4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the Lord. 7 Solomon consecrated the middle part of the courtyard in front of the temple of the Lord, and there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the fellowship offerings, because the bronze

altar he had made could not hold the burnt offerings, the grain offerings and the fat portions.

A cheerful giver is a choice giver that releases the best for the Lord!

3. **CHANNEL** – for generations

Gen. 8:24 (Noah);

Gen. 22:17, I will surely **bless you and make your descendants** as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. **Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies. -Israel TODAY**

Luke 7:7, That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

John 3: 16, For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Acts 10: 4 Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked. The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.

A cheerful giver is a channel of blessings to many generations!

4. **CHAIN Giver- EVERYONE NECESSARY**

Many benefit.... You reap what you sow....

Ecc 11:1 Cast your bread upon many waters....

Acts 20:35- Blessed is the hand that gives...

Haggai 1:4.... To self

Malachi: 3:6-10 personal: Will you rob?, how?; **in tithe and offerings....Consequences; curse for you and others.** What to do: **Bring the whole tithe, There will be food, Test me, Open the flood gates pour blessings, No room, Prevent pests, All will see, Blessed, Delightful land.**

A cheerful giver is a chain one and they offer to and are part of many without restraint!

5. **CHALLENGING** – prompts others; not normal.

Acts 4:32-36, All the believers were one in heart and mind. **No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.** 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that **there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.**

36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement").

Acts 2: 45 they sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. (ACP 2 vehicles, 100m, 50m, widow 1m, A lady 10M, 50,000/-)

A cheerful giver is a challenging one....They releases for others

6. **CHANGE** – no longer see property in light of the world but the word

Luke 19:8, But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, **"Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."** (Zachaeus, God loves a cheerful giver)

Luke 7: 37A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so **she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.** (Prostitute)

A cheerful giver is a reflection of a changed person!

7. **CHARMING**

Joyful and full of thanksgiving:

Luke 17:17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this

foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well". (Made you whole)

Psalm 50:14, 23

Ideas and professional offertories

○ **Smile, Hug, Touch, Tea**

A cheerful giver is a charming and they don't count the cost!

Conclusion:

- ☒ Cheer up as you give, Become part of history
- ☒ God loves you He gave all through Jesus