

Spirituality Expressed in Liberality

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

When God told His servant, Moses, to erect the tabernacle where He would dwell in their midst, it was in the wilderness. Now, the tabernacle was erected for travelers, those who could be called pilgrims. By faith, we are pilgrims. These pilgrims were given a way in which they could approach God. Did you ever wonder where all the necessary materials came from to build the tabernacle out there in the desert? God, in His wise forethought, saw to it that His people came out of the land of bondage, of slavery, in Egypt. They came with enough materials as would be required for the construction and the erection of the tabernacle. This is an amazing story!

In **Exodus 11:2**, we read - . . . **let every man ask of his neighbor, and every woman ask of her neighbor jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.** Two and a half million people were laden with valuables and jewelry to be enough to use for the service of God. God knew exactly what was to be needed. God knew exactly what each would be given gladly to that person who asked. Why? They had been slaves. They had given all this work and done all these things and prospered the land in an abundant way; they had saved the land from disaster. God knew this and God knows that work which we do for another. He is the

rewarder; He is the one who takes care of what we require. God saw that He would use exactly the materials placed in their hands. Why did He do this? He did it for His own glory. When these children of Israel left Egypt, they carried all that was needed, and they carried with them the different gifts that were given to them. Some of them brought materials that would be needed, such as the goat's hair and the ram skins and badger skins and fine linen; fabrics which would be required in what God said was necessary to build the tabernacle. Others brought precious stones, metals, and wood of the most precious incorruptible type. This was the acacia wood, which is a very special wood, which does not corrupt. Others brought oil, which was used for anointing, and light and spices which would also be needed, and all the wonderful things for which God had a reason. Everything brought and done was always a type showing the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you realize that every tiny little thing in your life is about the Lord Jesus Christ, if you know and love Him? There is not an incident happening that somehow or other is not to have an impact on another life. We are very much, as it were, the very materials in the hands of God that He might bring forth that which will bring Him honor and praise.

In **Exodus 36**, it says -

6 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

. . . Do you know what that means? You see, they had been asked to give and they gave, and they gave, and they gave! Isn't this interesting? Then, suddenly Moses said, "That is enough! Don't bring any more !" . . . **So the people were restrained from bringing.**

7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much. They even brought too much! Isn't this interesting? You see, spirituality is always expressed in liberality. People don't think of this, do they? You think about it. You think about the people that you know. You know there is something spiritual about those who walk with the Lord. They are a giving people; they are not a taking people — they want to give. The people gave and gave and suddenly they were told, "We have more than enough." You see, restraint of the abundant giving causes some to be all dried up and caught up in themselves.

You know, none of us can buy our salvation. None of us can buy a favor from God. We cannot say, "All right, God, if I give You an extra dollar or a pound or whatever currency I am using and put that in the collection, You are really going to work this out for me." No. We cannot buy God. Our beloved Lord, when He is first in everything in our life, causes that His very life would have us to be as He is: that we are cheerful givers. God loves a cheerful giver. Have you ever noticed the heart which is generous gives and gives and gives? There is a light, a

cheerfulness; they give abundantly unto Christ; they give everything they have and, you know what? They lack nothing. It is as if God takes care of their need while they are busy giving to others.

What about your heart today? May God find in your heart liberal giving unto Jesus.

In His precious Name. Amen.