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2 Chronicles 24:8-14

“And at the king’s commandment they made a chest, and sat it outside at the gate of the house of the LORD. And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem to bring into the LORD the collection... and all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest... thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. And the King and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the Lord... and they set the house of God in order and strengthened it.”
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We face a conundrum. True ministry is never based upon money, yet without money, ministry is often impeded, and in some cases, may cease altogether. People need opportunities, regular opportunities, to give into the service and work of the LORD, and those in fulltime service need to place their trust in the LORD, not looking to the people to be their source. Such dilemmas are best solved by the Holy Spirit’s abiding presence and wisdom. Any other means too easily produces legalism and lifeless works of human endeavor.

Joy in giving is a sure sign of the Holy Spirit’s leading. “Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7) The joy in giving acts as a magnet attracting even more liberality that the work and service of the LORD may continue unrestricted by lack of finances or resources.

If you’ve lost the joy of giving ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle both your desire and your purpose in giving. “Lord, may the work of the Gospel never be hindered because I have failed to give!”

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