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2 Chronicles 24:10

“And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had finished.” 2 Chronicles 24:10

What is our giving if not an extension of ourselves – our true selves? Joy is an expression of our innermost being’s thrill of redemption for it is the earmark of the very presence of God. “In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.” (Psalm 16:11) This release of joy and rejoicing as we give is also a sure sign of the reflection of the image of the Creator within men’s soul. We are fashioned after His nature and giving is a marked trait of His likeness. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16) No wonder then that as we offer a little of ourselves to someone else that we experience a taste of that joy that is “unspeakable and full of glory.” (1 Peter 1:8).

And what is the manifestation of the purity of our giving when offered to others as a sacrifice but an inner joy and assurance that we are acting in the character of the Saviour as He, “for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the Throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2).

This joy of which is spoken is never “worked up”, but it naturally flows up and out of our spirits as the LORD expresses His delight in our actions that thus reflect His character. For you see, in our giving He sees Himself reflected in our hearts!

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