



# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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Exodus 25:1-2

“The LORD said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites to bring Me an offering. You are to receive the offering for Me from each man whose heart prompts him to give.” Exodus 25:1-2

The LORD has placed a high premium on a willing heart. “If you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.” (Isaiah 1:19). The willing heart gives the LORD leeway in dealing with us. “For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that which a man has, and not according to that which he has not.” 2 Corinthians 8:12

Both coercion and manipulation are works of the fallen nature and are often empowered by diabolic means. It is never the Lord’s will for us to resort to such means to achieve our ends, no matter how noble or needful they might appear.

Because the LORD desires a family whose motivation is obedience out of love, He has chosen to give men the liberty of personal choice. And there is no area of living that more clearly reveals our heart’s attitude than that of our giving. The LORD instructed Moses, say, ““Tell the Israelites to bring Me an offering. You are to receive the offering for Me from each man whose heart prompts him to give.”

As with most spiritual truths, the real issue is not our giving or the amount of the giving but more specifically, that heart attitude about our giving. What about other areas of our lives? Do we offer our Christian service willingly and with joy or do we serve grudgingly and with complaint?

If our attitudes need adjusting we should adjust them quickly, for “God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)