

Offering Our Best to the Lord



What can we give to the Lord and to our church? The story of how the Tabernacle for the children of Israel was built shows us some ideas.

How did people contribute to build the Tabernacle?

The Lord told Moses to ask the children of Israel to donate materials for building the Tabernacle. They brought gold, silver, and bronze; fine linen threads of blue, purple, and scarlet; skins of rams and badgers as well as goats' hair; shittim wood (called acacia wood in NKJV), precious stones, spices, and oil. You may wonder how the children of Israel got all these materials? Look in Exodus 11 and 12 to find out how Lord provided the natural resources for building the Tabernacle.

The Lord also made sure they had people with the skills needed to fashion these materials into the walls, the coverings, and the beautiful furnishings. He told Moses which people had the special artistic gifts to make all these things.

Free Will Offerings

When we go to church, we have an opportunity to make a free will offering of money in the offertory basket, like the children of Israel gave gold and other materials to build the tabernacle. When we put money in the offertory basket, we might think about this offering helping to build or maintain the church as a sanctuary for the Lord. But there are other ways we can contribute to the well-being of our church as well.

Sharing Your Talents

Do you have talents that you would like to share to help take care of your church or help your church community? Maybe you could sing in a choir, make flower arrangements, serve on a committee, or help with a fund raiser. There might be something your family could do together for your church community.

Journal Idea

Write about something that you would like to offer the Lord—something that reflects the very best of what you have to give Him.