

感謝神！堂會已經通過購買教會中心的建議。我想，這不但反映了信徒的同心，也表達了我們願意在前面的日子同甘共苦，負起劍橋華人基督教會在人力和財力上的責任。

其實，以色列人初次建造會幕也是依靠百姓甘心樂意的奉獻。耶和華曉諭摩西說：“你告訴以色列人當為我送禮物來，凡甘心樂意的，你們就可以收下歸我。所要收的禮物就是...”（出二十五 1-2）在此我們至少看見兩點：神要求人甘心樂意的奉獻，以及神對奉獻者有所要求。

接著，摩西就像以色列人宣告：“你們中間要把禮物送給耶和華。凡樂意獻的，可以拿耶和華的禮物來，就是金，銀，銅...”（出三十五 5）結果，以色列人從摩西退去後，並不是逃之夭夭，不敢再進前來見摩西。相反的，這些百姓竟然“心裏受感，甘心樂意的都拿耶和華的禮物來...”（出三十五 21）。「心裏受感」表示內心受感動，經過了禱告和掙扎之後最終依然願意獻上。故此，甘心樂意的奉獻並不表示隨心所欲的奉獻，也不是經過精打細算之後，我能給多少，才給多少。而是至高的神向屬他的人發出挑戰，呼召他們來順服并接受挑戰。

因此，我們先需要誠懇的在神面前禱告，讓神來對我們說話，讓他來向我們發出呼召。接著，有時神向我們的要求會超越我們所認為的‘能’。這個時候，內心的掙扎是無可避免的了。但是，倘若我們願意坦誠面對內心的掙扎，忍著痛對神說：“神啊，但願我所認為的‘不能’在您面前可以成為‘能’。”假若我們願意順服及接受神的呼召，以信心獻上，這也就是甘心樂意的奉獻了。

百姓甚至“連男帶女”把尊貴的，按照摩西所吩咐的物件和金銀財寶“都拿來了”；“都拿來了”從 23-29 節出現了 6 次，與摩西在第 5 節的宣告“可以拿來”遙遙相對，表示百姓願意遵照摩西的吩咐，在建造會幕的工程上盡心竭力。他們不是單單奉獻一次，而是“每早晨都把甘心獻的禮物拿來。”（出三十六 3）。結果，禮物多到一個地步，“百姓為耶和華吩咐使用之工所拿來的，富富有餘。”（出三十六 5）。然後，導致摩西趕快傳命“無論男女，不必再為聖所拿什麼禮物來。這樣，才攔住百姓不再拿禮物來。”（出三十六 6）

太奇妙了，摩西不必苦苦央求百姓奉獻，相反的他需要攔住他們奉獻。這肯定是聖靈在人的內心深處所作的感動，也是人們願意回應神的呼召。但願我們同心向神祈禱，求神不斷在我們內心深處動工，使我們心裏受感，甘心樂意的竭力付出，讓教會富富有餘！

Have More Than Enough

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Thank God, our church has passed the resolution of buying a property for the church centre. I think, this does not only reflect how united our brothers and sisters are but also shows that we are willing to commit ourselves for the years ahead, to be responsible for CCCC's human and financial resources.

In fact, when the Israelites made the Sacred Tent the first time, they also relied on the willing offerings of the Israelites. The Lord spoke to Moses, "Tell the Israelites to make an offering to me. Receive whatever offerings any man wishes to give. These offerings are to be..." (Ex.25:1-2). In this we can see two things: God requires people to make offering willingly and God has his requirements for people who offer.

Then, Moses proclaimed to all the Israelites, "Take from among you an offering unto the Lord; whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, silver, and brass..."(Ex. 35:5). As a result, the Israelites left Moses but they did not go away without seeing Moses again. On the contrary, everyone "whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering..." (Ex. 35:21). "Whose heart stirred him up" means one feels touched and finally is willing to make offering after praying and going through struggles. Therefore, offering of a willing heart neither means offering at pleasure nor offering after careful calculation, that is, offering what one can. Rather, it is a challenge that our Lord in the Highest put in front of his people, asking them to obey and take up the challenge. Thus, we have to sincerely pray before God first so as to let God speak to us and call upon us. Then, sometimes, God will ask us to do beyond what we think we "can" and in this case, internal struggle is inevitable. However, if we are willing to face this internal struggle sincerely and bite the bullet to say to God, "God, I hope my "cannot" can become "can" before you." If we are willing to obey and accept God's calling and make an offering with faith, this is exactly an offering of a willing heart.

The Israelites, both men and women, "brought" the valuable objects and gold and silver and treasure as Moses told them. "Brought it/them" has appeared 6 times in verses 23-29, a big contrast to "let him bring it" when Moses proclaimed in verse 5. This shows that the people were willing to obey what Moses said and made devoted contribution to the project of making the Sacred Tent. They did not only make one offering. They "continued to bring Moses their offering every morning." (Ex. 36:5) Later, this made Moses send a command "Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering for the Sacred Tent." (Ex. 36: 6). Amazingly, Moses did not need to beg the people to make offering, rather, he had to stop them from making further offering. Undoubtedly, this is how the Holy Spirit works within man's heart. It stirs up our heart and makes us willing to contribute our best so that the church will have more.