

## Invitation

### **Intro:**

1 Tim 6:6-10

Though Money is a tool it is not the same as an actual tool is it? The love of hammers is not the root of all evil.

Hammers don't claim to buy security

They don't claim to buy significance

Money does and consequently it is seen as a primary rival to God

One of most famous sermons preached by SM Lockridge in 1970s - that's my king - about Christ- what if we Christ with money?

### **Problem:**

**The offering is not an obligation it is an opportunity**

Mal 3:6-12

Their problem was they were not meeting their obligation (tithe)

Our problem is different

Do we understand the opportunity we have every week?

Though exodus 24 is about the nation of Israel there is certainly a pattern of worship present we can relate to - they were called to worship to respond with faith as they heard a reading from God's Word...there was even a communion meal...all that was missing was an offering...which we now come to.

### **Main Idea:**

**to worship**

**to trust**

**to build**

### **Implication:**

Every offering poses the question

Which king do you serve

Which king do you trust

Which kingdom will you build

### **Articles for further study:**

<https://www.gotquestions.org/worship-service.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/prosperity-gospel.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.blog/poverty-gospel.html>

<http://www.biblebb.com/files/tithing.htm>

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Text:

### Every offering is an invitation to worship

Ex. 25:1 ¶ The LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 25:2 “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. **From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me.**

*ex 24:12-18 (context - from the very highest place - building plans)*

*ps 50:8-15 (God did not need them to build His sanctuary - an opportunity to worship)*

*(He does not need us to build His church)*

*(Esther 4:14 (deliverance by her sacrifice was a privilege)*

*(Mal 1:6-14; 3:6-12 (not an obligation but an opportunity)*

*(lev 27:30 (this is not a tithe but a freewill offering...to build tabernacle and church)*

*ex 36:3-7 (an opportunity to worship - they took it)*

*Mal 1:6-14 (Acts 5:1-11 why keep some back - God cares about your motive in giving (matt 6:4-4 do not blow trumpet -)*

*Matt 6:19-24 (- your giving is a reflection of your heart -every offering poses the question - which king do you serve?)*

*2 cor 9:6-9 (God will build His church on worship - every offering is an opportunity to worship)*

### to trust

Ex. 25:3 **And this is the contribution** that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze,

Ex. 25:4 blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats' hair,

Ex. 25:5 tanned rams' skins, goatskins, acacia wood,

Ex. 25:6 oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense,

Ex. 25:7 onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

*ex 3:21-22; 11:2-3; 12:35 (they got everything from God)*

*Mk 12:41-44 (giving is built on the fact that this is still true)*

*2 cor 8:1-11 (their model was not the widow it was Christ - to sacrificed everything trusting*

*God to provide for Him as a privilege - evidence of genuine love (8))*

*(Phil 1:29-30...2:12-13 (an invitation to experience your salvation; to work it out)*

*Matt 6:25-34 (every offering poses the question - which king do you trust?)*

*2 cor 9:6-11 (every offering is an invitation to trust to experience God's present provision)*

### to invest

Ex. 25:8 And **let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.**

Ex. 25:9 **Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle**, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

*heb 8:1-6; 9:23-24 (there was a reason for the pattern - reminded of heavenly reality)*

*(ex 25:40; 26:30; 27:8 (a pattern)*

*(rev 11:29 (in some sense not merely figurative)*

*rev 21:22 (...but there is another temple being even beyond this heavenly one)*

*Jn 1:14 (another reason - tabernacled among us)*

*Jn 2:19-22 (speaking about His Body -I will build my church gates of hell not prevail)*

*Jn 14:17 (speaking about a diff kind of temple)*

*Eph 2:19-22 (we contribute to a different kind of building fund)*

*1 pet 2:4-6 (living stones)*

*Heb 10:15-25 (what about buildings - they are a tool)*

*1 cor 3:9-17 (every offering poses the question - which kingdom will you invest in?)*

*2 cor 9:12-15 (every offering is an invitation to invest in His kingdom...for He is worthy)*