**Part 5 – Heart for the House**

**Works to build the house.**

**Psalm 122:1**

**I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**

**A heart for the house builds the house.**

**Get Ready!**

**What does it take to get ready?**

**To build the house, we must give from the heart.**

**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 everyone whose heart prompts them to give.”**

**To build the house, we must give creatively.**

**Exodus 25:3-8**

**These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.**

**Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.**

**To build the house, we must give willingly from what we have.**

**Exodus 35:4-9**

**Moses said to the whole Israelite community, “This is what the Lord has commanded: From what you have, take an offering for the Lord.**

**Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord an offering of gold, silver and bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.**

**To build the house, we must also give of our God-given skill.**

**Exodus 36:1-6**

**So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the Lord has commanded.”**

**Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work.**

**They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning.**

**So all the skilled workers who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left what they were doing and said to Moses, “The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done.”**

**Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: “No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.”**

**And so the people were restrained from bringing more, because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.**

**To build the house, we must give as an example to others.**

**1 Chronicles 29:1-8**

**Then King David turned to the entire assembly and said, “My son Solomon, whom God has clearly chosen as the next king of Israel, is still young and inexperienced.**

**The work ahead of him is enormous, for the Temple he will build is not for mere mortals—it is for the Lord God himself!**

**Using every resource at my command, I have gathered as much as I could for building the Temple of my God. Now there is enough gold, silver, bronze, iron, and wood, as well as great quantities of onyx, other precious stones, costly jewels, and all kinds of fine stone and marble.**

**“And now, because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, I am giving all of my own private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction. This is in addition to the building materials I have already collected for his holy Temple.**

**I am donating more than 112 tons of gold from Ophir and 262 tons of refined silver to be used for overlaying the walls of the buildings and for the other gold and silver work to be done by the craftsmen. Now then, who will follow my example and give offerings to the Lord today?”**

**Then the family leaders, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the generals and captains of the army, and the king’s administrative officers all gave willingly.**

**To build the house, we give to the Lord.**

**1Chronicles 29:9**

**The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord, and King David was filled with joy.**

**Psalm 127:1**

**Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.**