

Let's review some Christian giving principles from 2 Corinthians 8-9:

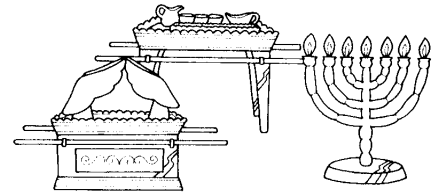
- **Christian giving is a gift of God's grace to the givers.**
- **Christian giving comes from knowing the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- **Christian giving comes out of what a person has, not what he does not have.**
- **Christian giving strives to give bountifully.**
- **Christian giving is done thoughtfully and cheerfully.**
- **Christian giving trusts that God will provide all that is needed to do every good work.**
- **Christian giving goes along with confessing the gospel.**

Record the event/s that happened in the following chapters of Exodus:

- 12 –
- 14 –
- 16 –
- 17 –
- 20 –
- 32 –
- 34 –

Read Exodus 35:4-19

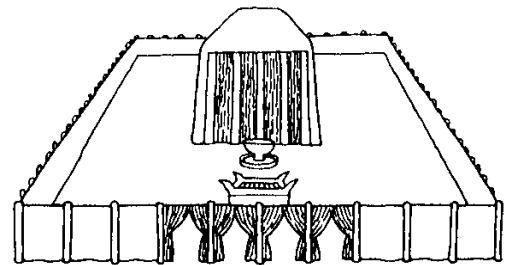
What did the LORD command?



List the materials to be brought.

List the products to be made...

...for inside the tabernacle



...for outside the tabernacle



...for the priests

Read Exodus 35:20-29

Who brought the offerings?

Read Exodus 35:30 – 36:7

Describe Bezalel.

Describe Oholiab.

Who did the work?

What “problem” did the craftsmen have?

How did Moses solve the “problem”?

Final Discussion

Which Christian giving principles did you notice in action in this section of Exodus? Where did you locate them in the text?

How can we apply this section from Exodus to our congregation and its current work?

----- What / how much to give?

How should I feel about the amount I have given?

Should I be feeling guilty about not giving more?

I would like to give more, but am I wrong in not trusting more in God's promises? Being on a fixed income, it is hard to give what I would like to give.

----- Stewardship balance

Is there a possibility of giving too much? In the story of "A Bad Example," Mr. Clinton gives until he has no way to support his family. He does this out of a true love of his fellow man. There was no ego in it. It was purely out of love. Could we say that this was too much and maybe even wrong?

----- Planning to give

Is deciding on your offering once a year and making that automated once a month okay?

What about online giving / automatic withdrawals for church offerings? Are we still going through the heart and thought processes God would have us go through when we give in those ways?

----- Related issues

Do we (the WELS) have any outreach to the Jewish church?