

# The Sermon on the Mount

*"For the service of the house"*

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**Matthew 6:19–21 (ESV)** — **19** "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## The cost of accumulating stuff

**Ecclesiastes 2:18 (ESV)** — **18** I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me,

**Mark 4:19 (ESV)** — **19** but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

**1 Timothy 6:9 (ESV)** — **9** But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

## We worship the created instead of the creator - and we fight

### Why give? Willing giving promotes Kingdom living

#### The building of the Tabernacle

**Exodus 35:27–35 (ESV)** — **27** And the leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastpiece, **28** and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. **29** All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the Lord. **30** Then Moses said to the people of Israel, "See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; **31** and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, **32** to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, **33** in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. **34** And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan. **35** He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by an engraver or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, or by a weaver—by any sort of workman or skilled designer.

**Exodus 36:1–7 (ESV)** — **1** ... **2** And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whose mind the Lord had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work. **3** And they received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, **4** so that all the craftsmen who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing, **5** and said to Moses, “The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do.” **6** So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, “Let no man or woman do anything more for the contribution for the sanctuary.” So the people were restrained from bringing, **7** for the material they had was sufficient to do all the work, and more.

### **The building of the Temple**

**1 Chronicles 29:1–9 (ESV)** — **1** [F]or the palace will not be for man but for the Lord God. **2** So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able...for overlaying the walls of the house, **5** and for all the work to be done by craftsmen ... Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the Lord?” **6** Then the leaders of fathers’ houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes...**9** Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

### **David prays for the offering**

**1 Chronicles 29:12–18 (ESV)** — **12** Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. **13** And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. **14** “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. **15** For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. **16** O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. **17** I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. **18** O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.

### **H.O.W. is your heart for giving?**

- Honesty
- Open-mindedness
- Willingness

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