



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture: Exodus 35

Title: Are you willing?

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Summary of Chapter

In this chapter, the Lord gave the Israelites two commands through His servant Moses. The first was about keeping the Sabbath holy, and the other was about building the tabernacle of God. Everyone with a willing heart was to bring the necessary materials to build the tabernacle, and all who were skilled were to come and make everything the Lord had commanded.

Key Verse(s) NIV

How does it speak to me?

²¹ and **everyone who was willing** and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments. ²² **All who were willing**, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: ... ²⁶ **And all the women who were willing** and had the skill spun the goat hair. ²⁹ **All the Israelite men and women who were willing** brought to the Lord freewill offerings for all the work the Lord through Moses had commanded them to do.

The tabernacle was the place where sacrifices were made, it was the place where the Ark of the Covenant was kept, and it was a place of worship. God was looking for any Israelite men and women, who were willing, to offer their different gifts or unique skills, to build the tabernacle as the dwelling place of God. Similarly, today, God is still looking for anyone who is willing, to serve Him, and to worship Him. I remember many years ago, I struggled to go for my first missions trip. I struggled for a few reasons. I had just started working, so the cost and the one-week leave application were concerns to me. I was also skeptical of how I could serve during the trip. But with a willing heart, I went by faith, and that was the most amazing trip ever. We witnessed God's miraculous works firsthand, and I was blessed beyond measure. It ignited the missions passion within me. As we reflect on our worship to God, like the Israelites, are we willing to worship God with our treasure, through our tithes, offering and pledges? Are we willing to serve God with our talents, serving the Body of Christ with our limited skills and abilities so others can be blessed? Are we willing to offer God with our time, not just by attending Sunday services and GMG, but to go and live out life missionally, to share the Gospel with others? While not all of God's people will offer the same amount of treasure, talents, or time, we can offer something in common, and that's our willing hearts. The heart of the matter is the matter of the heart. Like the Israelites, will you be the one, who is willing, to bring your gifts or skills to build God's tabernacle in people's hearts, where God can dwell with them? Martin Luther King once said, "To serve, you only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." Let us be the willing ones that the Lord is looking for. No matter how little, God can use it for His glory.

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:

Which of the following 3 areas are you most willing to offer to God in worship – treasure, talents and time? How can you use it to lead people to God?

Youth:

Instead of spending time on online games or social media, are you willing to effectively use your time to serve God, by sharing with others His love and gospel?

Child:

Will you be willing to share your favourite item or toy with your sibling or friend? Why or why not? Talk about this with your parents.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us that You are looking at our willing hearts, not what we have to offer. Lord, help us to put You and Your Kingdom first. Open our spiritual eyes to see what You can do through us. Remove all self-doubts and unwillingness within us. May You use us, no matter how small or how little we can offer, for Your glory.

Thanksgiving Prayer:

I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)

Intercessory Prayer:

I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)

Salvation Prayer:

I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.