

THE RESULT OF GENEROSITY

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MAIN PASSAGE: Exodus 35:30-36:7

BIG IDEA: When the Church, the body of Christ, gives willingly, generously, thankfully, joyfully, and expectantly the outcome transcends anything that one individual could do alone. The Israelites were an excellent example of believers coming together to do extraordinary things for God and they demonstrated this principle when they were building the Tabernacle. So, what was the result?

SERMON POINTS:

What is the result of God's Church rising up and giving from a generous heart?

There will be _____ !

*So Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and all the others
who were specially gifted by the Lord and were eager to get to work.
Moses gave them the materials donated by the people
of Israel as sacred offerings for the completion of the sanctuary.
But the people continued to bring additional gifts each morning.
Finally the craftsmen who were working on the sanctuary left their work.
They went to Moses and reported, "The people have given more than
enough materials to complete the job the Lord has commanded us to do!"
(Exodus 36:2-5 NLT)*

NEXT STEPS:

1. Sometimes people don't give to the church because they think that what they can give really won't matter. How do you feel about this statement?
2. God has given everything to us through His Son Jesus Christ. What should we give to him in return? We should offer our lives back to him using our spiritual and financial gifts to build His church! How might you become a part of giving back to God?
3. Read 2 Chronicles 24:1-16. Discuss. Read 2 Chronicles 31:1-10. Discuss. What impact might GCC have in our community and around the world if our congregation became "more than enough" type givers?