

The Incredible Power of Volunteering!

KJV 1 Chronicles 29:1-5 Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God.

2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

4 Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal:

*5 The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And **who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?***

King David gathered the people to remind them of what he has stored up to build the House of God and what he has voluntarily given himself— all the gold, silver, precious stones, marble and other valuables.

David says we have the materials to build but we also need people.

So who is willing, who will volunteer to separate themselves to serve The LORD?

Volunteer a person who offers themselves and their services for free!

Israel was a Kingdom built by men God had chosen and people who voluntarily gave their gifts and talents to organize the people & build.

I believe it was easy to get the people to volunteer because they had been slaves building other people's houses, cities and temples

One of the biggest mistakes most organizations make as well as churches is to think making announcements, having signup sheets and giving a 5 minute plug yields volunteers—it doesn't!

❖ Good volunteers are recruited!

Recruitment is enlisting people into willful service! It's replacing the supply of people needed to maintain the victory!

The Bible uses the word soldier to describe the believer—soldiers were referred to as “*people who draw the sword*”!

We know a major part of the armor of God is **the sword of The Spirit which is The Word of God!**

The best recruiters, evangelists or people to enlist others are people who know how to use The Word of God.

Here are three Keys of Recruitment: Approaching, Engaging and Enlisting!

Approaching is drawing near to people in a friendly, sincere non-threatening way!

Engaging is showing genuine interest in people, being knowledgeable and excited about the organization or team you're trying to get people to join.

Enlisting is getting people to **commit** themselves to a cause or organization for a period of time.

These (3) three work well in evangelism also!

Another biblical word for volunteer is “**freewill offering**”!

NIV Deuteronomy 12:5-6 But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go;

6 there bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.

A **freewill offering** is a voluntary offering given above and beyond what The Law required.

It usually has a specific prayer request tied to it for a special blessing!

KJV Romans 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Don't you realize God The Father voluntarily gave Jesus as a sacrifice before the foundations of the world.

Before we could praise Him, worship Him or serve Him in any way!

Don't you realize Jesus gave His life for us **voluntarily!**

Romans 8 says The Father even **voluntarily** gave us everything we needed before we needed it!

➤ I guess I'm trying to say **volunteers** have been a great blessing in all of our lives!

From Christ down to the the **volunteer** Children's Church teacher, the **volunteer** Porter, Usher and Choir Member!

The **volunteer** who cooked at the Family Festival, carried a table or chair!

You need to thank God for the person who **volunteered** to pray for you at the altar.

The person who **voluntarily** gave **you a hug** during service and shared the love of God with you!

KJV 2 Corinthians 8:12 For if there be first a willing mind...!

I thank God this morning for your willing mind—you came to church today to **voluntarily bless God and me!**

Psalm 54:6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good.

NIV Hebrews 6:10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.