Title: Becoming God's Volunteer

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Word

1. Jesus said...

Matthew 16:18

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

a. God's fellow workers

1 Corinthians 3:9-10

⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. ¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

b. God's dwelling place

Ephesians 2:19-22

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

c. God's living stones

1 Peter 2:4-5

 4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

2. Moses: the tabernacle

a. God's command for our benefit

Exodus 35:4-5

⁴ And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying: ⁵ 'Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD: gold, silver, and bronze;

b. Your gift for the greater good

Exodus 35:10

All who are gifted artisans among you shall come and make all that the LORD has commanded:

[AMP] able and wisehearted

c. Hearts stirred, spirits willing

Exodus 35:20-22

²⁰ And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. ²¹ Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the LORD's offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments. ²² They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart, and brought earrings and nose rings, rings and necklaces, all jewelry of gold, that is, every man who made an offering of gold to the LORD.

3. David: the temple

a. He had it in his heart

1 Chronicles 28:2

Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it.

b. He knew God's faithfulness

1 Chronicles 28:20

And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

c. He gave of his own possessions

1 Chronicles 29:3,5b

³ Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver:

^{5b} Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?"

d. The joy of dying to selfishness

1 Chronicles 29:9

Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the LORD; and King David also rejoiced greatly.

The year of God's power

Psalm 110:3a

[NKJV] Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; [AMP] Your people will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your power,