

VERSES ON MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP
(Ministry Fundraising)
(See also Verses on Giving to Ministry)

Ge 12:1-3 1 Go forth from your country, from your relatives, and from your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, and so you will be a blessing. 3 And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.¹

Ex 25:2-9 2 Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for me. From every man whose heart moves him you [Moses] will raise my contribution. 3 This is the contribution that you are to raise from them: gold, silver, and bronze, 4 blue, purple, and scarlet material, fine linen, goat hair, 5 rams' skins dyed red, porpoise skins, acacia wood, 6 oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, 7 and onyx stones and setting stones for the ephod and for the breastpiece. 8 Let them construct a sanctuary (שֶׁבֶט) for me, that I may dwell (שָׁכַן) among them. 9 According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you will construct it.²

Ex 35:5 5 Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as Yahweh's contribution.

Ex 36:4-7 4 All the skillful men who were performing all the work of the sanctuary came..., 5 and they said to Moses: The people are bringing much more than enough for the construction work that Yahweh commanded us to perform. 6 So Moses issued a command, and a proclamation was circulated throughout the camp saying: Let no man or woman any longer perform work for the contributions of the sanctuary. Thus the people were restrained from bringing any more, 7 for the material they had was sufficient and more than enough for all the work to perform it.

Nu 18:24 24 For the tithe of the sons of Israel that they offer as an offering to Yahweh I have given to the Levites for an inheritance. Therefore I have said concerning them: They will have no inheritance among the sons of Israel.

Nu 18:26 26 When you [Levites] take from the sons of Israel the tithe that I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you will present an offering from it to Yahweh, a tithe of the tithe.

Dt 18:1-5 1 The Levitical priests, the whole tribe of Levi, will have no portion or inheritance with Israel. They will eat Yahweh's offerings by fire and his portion. 2 They will have no inheritance among their countrymen. Yahweh is their inheritance, as he promised them. ...5 For Yahweh your God has chosen him and his sons from all your tribes, to stand and serve in the name of Yahweh forever.

¹ When we obey God's call to go, he will bless us and make us a blessing to others. We are blessed so that we may be a blessing.

² We may raise a contribution for God only if we are resolved to construct according to God's pattern.

Dt 25:4 4 You will not muzzle the ox while he is threshing.

1 Ki 17:8-16 8 The word of Yahweh came to [Elijah] saying: 9 Arise, go to Zarephath that belongs to Sidon, and stay there. Look, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you. 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, look, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said: Please get me a little water in a jar, that I may drink. 11 As she was going to get it, he called to her and said: Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand. 12 But she said: As Yahweh your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar. And look, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die. 13 Then Elijah said to her: Do not fear. Go do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first and bring it out to me. And afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son. 14 For thus says Yahweh God of Israel: The bowl of flour will not be exhausted, nor will the jar of oil be empty, until the day that Yahweh sends rain on the face of the earth. 15 So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she, he, and her household ate for days. 16 The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke through Elijah.

1 Ch 29:2-14 2 With all my ability I [David] have provided for the house of my God the gold for the gold, the silver for the silver, the bronze for the bronze, the iron for the iron, wood for the wood, onyx stones, inlaid stones, stones of antimony, stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and alabaster in abundance. 3 Moreover, in my delight in the house of my God, the treasure I have of gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, over and above all that I have already provided for the holy temple, 4 3,000 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the buildings.... 5 Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to Yahweh? 6 Then the rulers of the fathers' households, the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the overseers over the king's work, offered willingly. 7 And for the service for the house of God they gave 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of brass, and 100,000 talents of iron. 8 Whoever possessed precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of Yahweh, in care of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9 Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to Yahweh with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly. 10 So David blessed Yahweh in the sight of all the assembly. And David said: Blessed are you, O Yahweh God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, O Yahweh, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth. Yours is the dominion, O Yahweh, and you exalt yourself as head over all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, you rule over all, and in your hand is power and might. And it lies in your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name. 14 But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from you, and from your hand we have given you.

Ezr 1:1-6 1 In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah, Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also in writing saying: 2 Thus says Cyrus king

of Persia: Yahweh, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has appointed me to build him a house in Jerusalem that is in Judah. 3 Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem that is in Judah and rebuild the house of Yahweh, the God of Israel. He is the God who is in Jerusalem. 4 Every survivor, at whatever place he may live, let the men of that place support him with silver and gold, with goods and cattle, together with a freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem. 5 Then the heads of fathers' households of Judah and Benjamin, the priests, and the Levites arose, even everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up and rebuild the house of Yahweh that is in Jerusalem. 6 All those about them encouraged them with articles of silver, with gold, with goods, with cattle, and with valuables, aside from all that was given as a freewill offering.

Ne 2:2-9 2 The king [Artaxerxes] said to me [Nehemiah]: Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart. Then I was very much afraid. 3 I said to the king: Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies desolate, and its gates have been consumed by fire? 4 Then the king said to me: What would you request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 I said to the king: If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it. 6 Then the king said to me, with the queen sitting beside him: How long will your journey be, and when will you return? So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a definite time. 7 And I said to the king: If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors beyond the [Euphrates] River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah, 8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress that is by the temple, for the wall of the city and for the house to which I will go. And the king granted them to me because the good hand of my God was on me. 9 Then I came to the governors beyond the [Euphrates] River and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen.

Ps 37:3-5 3 Trust in Yahweh and do good. Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself in Yahweh, and he will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way [ministry] to Yahweh, trust also in him, and he will do it.

Ps 127:1 1 Unless Yahweh builds the house [ministry], they labor worthlessly (אֶרֶץ) who build it.

Ps 138:3 3 On the day I [David] called, you [Yahweh] answered me. You made me bold with strength in my soul.

Pr 18:13 13 He who gives an answer before he hears, it is folly and shame to him.

Pr 30:8 8 Give me neither poverty nor riches. Feed me with the food that is my portion.

Hag 2:8 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares Yahweh of hosts.

Mt 6:31-34 31 Do not worry then saying: What will we eat? What will we drink? or What will we wear for clothing? 32 For the [unbelieving] nations eagerly seek all these things. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things [food, drink, and clothing] will be added to you. 34 So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Mt 7:7-11 7 Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? 11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask him!

Mk 12:41-44 41 [Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury and was observing how the people were putting money into the treasury. And many rich people were putting in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins that amounts to a cent. 43 Calling his disciples to him, he said to them: Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury. 44 For they all put in out of their surplus, but she out of her poverty put in all she owned, all she had to live on.

Lk 6:38 38 Give, and it will be given to you. ...For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.

Lk 8:1-3 1 [Jesus] began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

Lk 10:7 7 The laborer is worthy of his wages.

Lk 11:5-10 5 Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him at midnight and says to him: Friend, lend me three loaves, 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him. 7 And from inside he answers and says: Do not bother me! The door has already been shut, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything. 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his shamelessness (*ἀναίδεια*)³ he will get up and give him as much as he needs. 9 So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Lk 16:10-12 10 He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much, and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. 11 Therefore if you have not

³ “[L]ack of sensitivity to what is proper, carelessness about the good opinion of others, *shamelessness, impertinence, impudence, ignoring of convention*” (BDAG, 63).

been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you? 12 And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

Lk 22:35-38 35 [Jesus] said to [the disciples]: When I sent you out without money belt, bag, and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you? They said: Nothing. 36 And he said to them: But now whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one.

Ac 18:3-5 3 Because [Paul] was of the same trade [as Aquila and Priscilla], he stayed with them, and they were working, for by trade they were tentmakers. 4 And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. 5 But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul began devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.⁴

Ac 20:33-35 33 I have coveted no one's silver, gold, or clothes. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my own needs and to the men who were with me. 35 In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Ro 15:24 24 I [Paul] hope to see you [Romans] in passing and to be helped on my way [to Spain] by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while.

1 Co 9:7-18 7 Who at any time serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not use the milk of the flock? 8 I am not speaking these things according to human judgment, am I? Or does not the law also say these things? 9 For it is written in the law of Moses: You will not muzzle the ox while he is threshing. God is not concerned about oxen, is he? 10 Or is he speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher in hope of sharing. 11 If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? 12 If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we endure all things so that we will cause no hindrance to the good news of Messiah. 13 Do you not know that those who perform sacred services eat the food of the temple, and those who attend regularly to the altar have their share from the altar? 14 So also the Lord [Jesus] directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel. 15 But I have used none of these things, and I am not writing these things so that it will be done so in my case. For it would be better for me to die than have any man make my boast an empty one. 16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion. For woe is me if I do not preach the gospel. 17 For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward. But if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. 18 What then is my reward? That when I preach the gospel I may offer the gospel without charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

⁴ Paul preferred not to be a "tentmaker." He no doubt became restless.

1 Co 16:6 6 Perhaps I [Paul] will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way wherever I may go.

2 Co 1:15-16 15 In this confidence I intended at first to come to you, so that you might twice receive a blessing, 16 that is, to pass your way into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you, and by you to be helped on my journey to Judea.

2 Co 8-9

2 Co 11:7-9 7 Did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you without charge? 8 I robbed other churches by taking wages to serve you. 9 And when I was present with you and was in need, I was not a burden to anyone. For when the brothers came from Macedonia, they fully supplied my need. So in everything I kept myself from being a burden to you, and will continue to do so.

2 Co 12:13 13 In what respect were you [Corinthians] treated as inferior to the rest of the churches, except that I [Paul] myself did not become a [financial] burden to you? Forgive me this wrong!

Ga 6:6 6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches.

Php 4:14-19 14 You have done well to share in my affliction. 15 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone. 16 For even in Thessalonica you sent more than once for my needs. 17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit that increases to your account. 18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance. I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Messiah Jesus.

1 Th 2:9 9 You recall, brothers and sisters, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

2 Th 3:7-9 7 You yourselves know how you ought to follow our example because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you, 9 not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example.

1 Ti 2:3-4 3 God our Savior... 4 desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Ti 5:17-18 17 The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. 18 For the Scripture says: You will not muzzle the ox while he is threshing. And: The laborer is worthy of his wages.

1 Ti 6:17-19 17 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. 18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

2 Ti 1:7 7 God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power, love, and discipline.

Tt 3:13 13 Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them.

Heb 13:5-6 5 Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have. For [God] himself has said: I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you, 6 so that we confidently say: The Lord is my helper. I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?

Jas 1:19 19 Everyone must be quick to hear [and] slow to speak....

Jas 2:1-6 1 My brothers and sisters, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Messiah with personal favoritism. 2 For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, 3 and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes and say: You sit here in a good place, and you say to the poor man: You stand over there or sit down by my footstool, 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil motives? ...9 If you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as offenders.

Jas 4:2-4 2 You do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

3 Jn 5-8 5 Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brothers and sisters, and especially strangers. 6 And they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. 7 For they went out for the sake of the name [of Jesus], accepting nothing from the [unbelieving] nations. 8 Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be co-workers (συνεργός) with the truth.