

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

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2 Cor. 9:7 as every person purposes in his heart, so let him give
-- not grudgingly or not out of necessity
-- because God loves a cheerful giver

cheerful giver
money
time
actions
thoughts
commitment
passion

* There are times to endure.

Matt. 10:17-22 hated for Christ's name -- he that endures to
the end shall be saved

Luke 14:27 instructed -- to bear his cross

Phil. 4:11 in whatever state I am -- to be content

12 knew how to be abased and how to abound

13 Paul wrote -- I can do all things through Christ who
strengthens me

* What was Christ's motivation to endure?

Heb. 12:2 Jesus Christ -- the author and finisher of our
faith -- who for the joy that was set before
Him, endured the cross, despising the shame
-- and is set on the right hand of the throne
of God

3 consider Him, who endured insults from sinners

4 He resisted unto blood

* What are some wrong motivations in life?

fear -- insecurity

validation -- acceptance -- popularity

false guilt

manipulation

* Notice some examples of attempted manipulation.

Matt. 4:3 Satan said -- if you be the Son of man, command
that these stones be made bread

4 Christ did not respond to Satan's condition

6 Satan said -- if you be the Son of man, jump

7 Christ did not respond to Satan's condition

Luke 23:35 the rulers said -- if He be Christ (the chosen of God),

let Him save Himself
37 the soldiers said -- if You be the king of the Jews,
save Yourself
39 one of the malefactors -- if You be Christ, save
Yourself and save us

if you are a true believer, you must worship with us
if you are a true believer, you must do what I do
if you are a true believer, you must think like I think
if you are a Christian, you must give me money
if you truly love God, you must....
if you truly love other people, you must....

* Notice some examples of cheerful giving.

Exod. 25:2 take My offering from every man who gives it willingly
with his heart
Exod. 35:5,21 take an offering unto God from whomever gives
it with a willing heart
Judges 5:2 when the people willingly offered themselves
1 Chron. 29:6 the leaders offered willingly
9 with a perfect heart, they offered willingly to
God
Ezra 1:6 willingly offered
Ezra 2:68 offered freely for the house of God
Neh. 11:2 the people blessed all the men, who willingly
offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem
2 Cor. 8:12 must first be a willing mind
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1. Anna
2. Phebe
3. Priscilla and Aquila
4. Onesiphorus
5. Jesus Christ

Luke 2:36-37 Anna (a prophetess) was 84 years old -- she
departed not from the temple -- she served God with fastings and prayers
night and day
Rom. 16:1-2 Phebe -- a servant to Paul and a servant to the
brethren
Rom. 16:3-4 Priscilla & Aquila -- Paul's helpers in Christ
Jesus -- they laid down their own necks for
Paul's life
2 Tim. 1:16 Onesiphorus -- often refreshed Paul and was not
ashamed of Paul's chain
17 when Paul was in Rome, Onesiphorus diligently
sought out Paul and found him
John 10:17-18 Christ willingly laid down His life