

The Introduction of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- I. God wants us to bring him offerings
 - A. the willingness to make the offering
 1. "Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 'Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.'": Exodus 25:1-2
 2. "the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the Lord": 1 Chronicles 29:9
 3. "they... offered freely for the house of God... according to their ability, they gave": Ezra 2:68-69
 4. "they offered the regular burnt offering... and those of everyone who willingly offered a freewill offering to the Lord": Ezra 3:5
 5. "For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.": 2 Corinthians 8:12
 6. "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful ('hilarious') giver."": 2 Corinthians 9:7
 - B. the ability to make the offering
 1. "he shall offer... as he is able to afford": Leviticus 14:30-31
 2. "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you."": Deuteronomy 16:17
 3. "they... offered freely for the house of God... according to their ability, they gave": Ezra 2:68-69
 4. "Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea": Acts 11:29
 5. "If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified": 1 Peter 4:11
 - C. the acceptance of the offering
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 3. "The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.": Proverbs 11:25
- II. The concept of spiritual gifts is first introduced
 - A. or at least first mentioned with specific gifts, talents, or abilities
 - B. it had to do with building and construction talents and abilities
 - C. "So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make...": Exodus 28:3
 - D. it is God that does the calling and gives the ability: Exodus 31:1-11
 1. "I have called by name...": Exodus 31:2
 2. "I have filled him with the Spirit of God...": Exodus 31:3
 3. "I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans...": Exodus 31:6
- III. Their willingness
 - A. if you have stuff, bring it as a freewill offering: Exodus 35:4-9
 1. "Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord...": Exodus 35:5
 2. the call to bring of what they had
- IV. According to their talents or abilities
 - A. if you have the talent or ability, then come and do the work: Exodus 35:10-19
 1. "All who are gifted... shall come and make...": Exodus 35:10
 2. the call to bring themselves

- V. The acceptance of their offerings
- A. they brought (or made) stuff: Exodus 35:20-29
 - 1. their answer to the call of Exodus 35:4-9
 - 2. "Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the Lord's offering for the work...": Exodus 35:21
 - 3. "They came... as many as had a willing heart, and brought...": Exodus 35:22
 - 4. "all the women who were gifted artisans spun... and brought what they had spun": Exodus 35:25
 - 5. "all the women whose hearts stirred with wisdom spun...": Exodus 35:26
 - 6. "The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the Lord... whose hearts were willing to bring material for all kinds of work...": Exodus 35:29
 - B. they came to do the work: they brought themselves: Exodus 35:30-36:2
 - 1. their answer to the call of Exodus 35:10-19
 - 2. "the Lord has called by name...": Exodus 35:30
 - 3. "He has filled him with the Spirit of God...": Exodus 35:31
 - 4. "He has put in his heart the ability...": Exodus 35:34
 - 5. "He has filled them with skill to do...": Exodus 35:35
 - 6. "...every gifted artisan in whom the Lord has put wisdom and understanding... shall do...": Exodus 36:1
 - 7. "Then Moses called... every gifted artisan in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the work.": Exodus 36:2
- VI. The result: an abundance!: Exodus 36:3-7
- A. "the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done -- indeed too much": Exodus 36:7

Although you may be willing, if God hasn't given you the ability, He hasn't called you. Therefore your offering would not be acceptable to Him.