

TREASURE QUEST

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF THE HEART



The Power of a Willing Gift

On this Treasure Quest, we have discovered one inescapable truth. In order to *GET* the treasure God offers, it requires us to *GIVE* first. This is no even trade, as what we gain far surpasses what we may lose. But it is not the amount of the gift that matters to God, it is the heart attitude of the giver.

Have you ever received a gift that you felt was given a bit grudgingly or out of obligation? Perhaps you felt there was some sort of motive attached to the gift? No doubt that would certainly diminish the value of the gift to you. And, it likely affects the quality of the gift when someone really doesn't really doesn't want to spend the money or let go of something he might selfishly want for himself.

David acknowledged God's desire for him to have the right motives when giving. Notice that he uses the word *integrity*. One of the more important meanings of this word is *the quality or state of being complete or undivided*. Too often we let other things compete with our decision to give back to God. Such inner struggle will rob us of the joy that David obviously enjoyed as a result of being unmistakably honest before God.

Questions to Think About

- ❖ How often do you struggle with giving to the Lord because of other desires or pressing needs in your life?
- ❖ Are you divided in your desire to give to God?
- ❖ What can you do to eliminate that division?

I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given *willingly* and with honest intent.

2 CHRONICLES 29:17