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† Offertory Verses

1 Chronicles 29:9 “The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD.”

1 Chronicles 29:10b–14 “O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. Riches and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and it is at your discretion that people are made great and given strength. O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to

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you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you have already given us!" (NLT).

Psalm 96:8 "Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts."

Proverbs 3:9 "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops."

Malachi 3:10 "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD Almighty, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you!" (NLT).

Matthew 2:11 "They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh."

Matthew 6:19–21 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where they can be eaten by moths and get rusty, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where they will never become moth-eaten or rusty and where they will be safe from thieves. Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be" (NLT).

Matthew 6:31–33 "Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But

seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Luke 12:15 “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Luke 16:13 “No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”

Acts 20:35b “Remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Romans 12:1 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—which is your spiritual worship.”

1 Corinthians 16:2 “On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.”

2 Corinthians 8:3–5 “For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the gracious privilege of sharing in the gift for the Christians in Jerusalem. Best of all, they went beyond our highest hopes, for their first action was to dedicate themselves to the Lord and to us for whatever directions God might give them” (NLT).

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2 Corinthians 8:9 “You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”

2 Corinthians 8:12 “If you are really eager to give, it isn’t important how much you are able to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you don’t have” (NLT).

2 Corinthians 9:6–7 “Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully” (NLT).

2 Corinthians 9:8 “God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:10–11 “For God is the one who gives seed to the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of generosity in you” (NLT).

2 Corinthians 9:12–14 “This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks

to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you."

2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thank God for his Son—a gift too wonderful for words!" (NLT).

Philippians 4:18b–19 "They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable to God and pleases him. And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus" (NLT).

Hebrews 13:16 "Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Offertory Responses

Leader: Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

People: No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will

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be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Leader: Therefore, I urge you, in view of God's mercy, to offer yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—which is your spiritual worship.

People: We do not want to forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Leader: May the gifts we now offer be a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

Leader: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

People: May our gifts be a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

Leader: And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

People: We do not want to forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

As the forgiven and redeemed people of God, let us offer to him ourselves and our gifts.

With joyful hearts, let us now present the offering of our lives and our labors from this week to our Lord.

† Offering Songs

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Lift praise, all creatures here below:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Tune: All Creatures
of Our God and King

All things are yours: no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
And hence with thankful hearts today,
your own before your feet we lay.

Tune: Germany

Give us, Lord, the grace of giving
With a spirit wide and free
That ourselves and all our living,
We may offer unto thee. Amen.

Tune: Stuttgart